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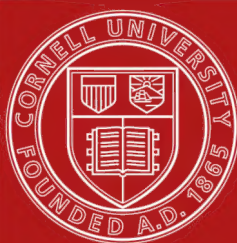
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# DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY

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Facts and Figures, Portraits and Sketches,

OF LEADING

## Men Who Will Live in Her History

Those at the Front To-Day

And Others Who Made Good in the Past

Franklin D. Roosevelt  
—

Catskill, N. Y.

1915

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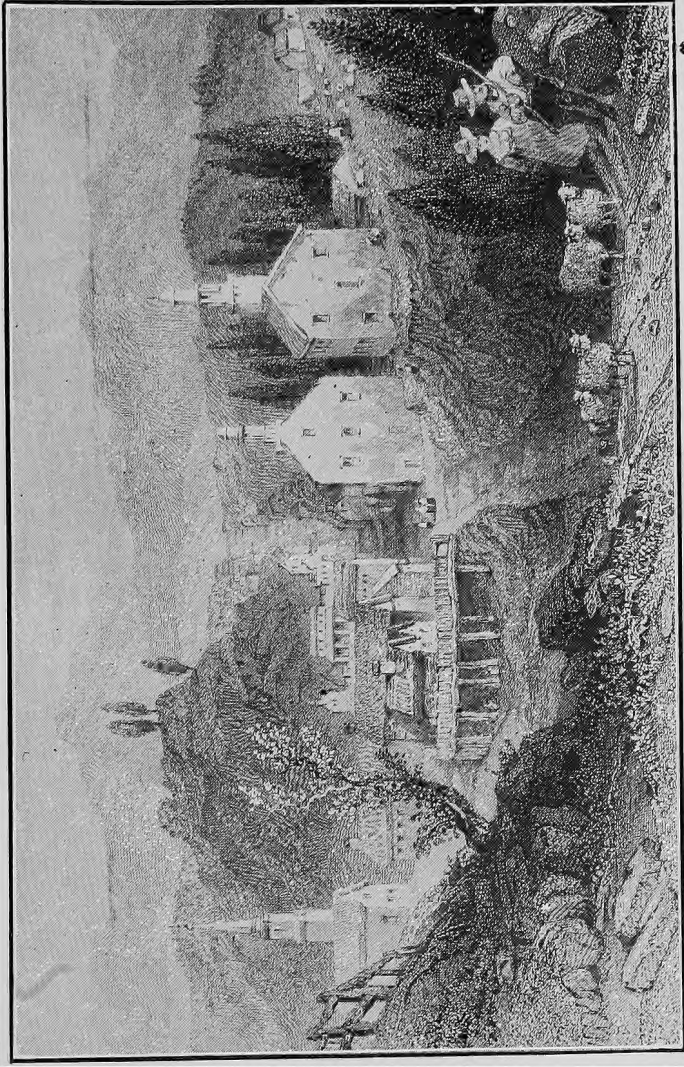
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**PREFACE**

About a year ago the publisher of Dear Old Greene County commenced gathering data and facts for the work which is now upon the market for approval, and record. It has been a far greater job than we anticipated, and we have met with difficulties all along the way. A great mass of material has been at hand, and from it we have selected what appealed to us as valuable. We are under obligations to many persons for valuable facts and encouragement. We trust that the work will receive kind words and that the outlay of time and money in the production of the book will be in a measure repaid by the liberal patronage of the citizens of Greene county, in whose interest the work has been done. The book certainly will form a tangible part of the records that will be cherished and many valuable facts preserved in it otherwise might have been lost. Much has been recorded, but in our limited space many interesting matters have been of necessity reserved. To Court of Appeals Justice Emory A. Chase, Senator Bloodgood, Mrs. Wheeler Howard, Judge Tallmadge, County Clerk George B. Van Valkenburgh, the various members of the Greene county Board of Supervisors, and particularly to Elmer Krieger of Prattsville, Photographers Paul R. Morrison, Fred Clarke and Earle Van Dyke, and to Frederick Nelson Du Bois, Robert F. Story and others we have been greatly indebted for facts and data. Publishers F. E. Craigie, Harry Hall, and M. Edward Silberstein, our contemporaries, have added liberally to the effort. We are indebted to them for many engravings from their offices, and Mr. Craigie in addition has compiled the lodge matter covering the Masonic order, as it appears in the several towns, a very considerable work.

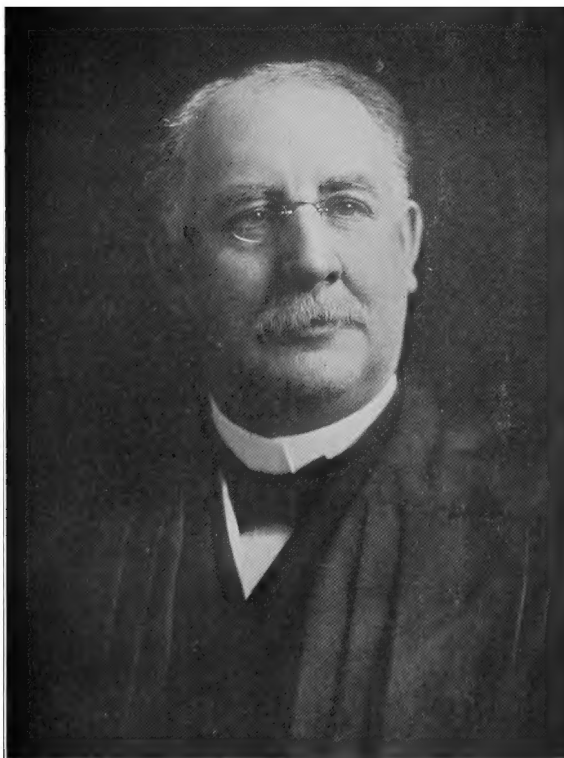
Once more our thank to all.

Finally praise us if you can, and spare the colder criticism. We are most painfully aware of the shortcomings.



Catskill in 1839, Courtesy Justice Emory A. Chase  
View from Bridge Street, showing Reformed Church, Presbyterian Church, Court House, Franklin House, Colored  
Church and School, Grasshopper Bridge and Catskill Mt. House.

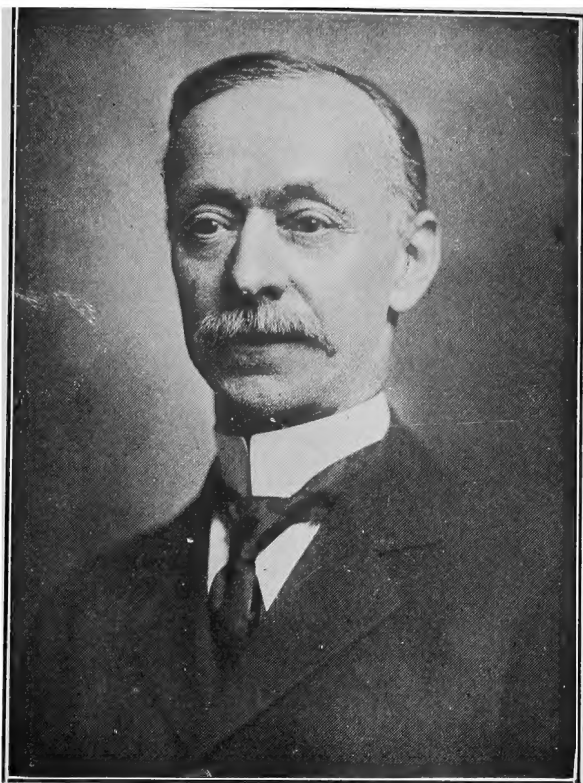




Court of Appeals Justice Emory A. Chase

Catskill, N. Y.

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Josiah C. Tallmadge  
County Judge of Greene County  
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H. Clay Ferris  
Ashland, N. Y.  
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Elmer Krieger, chmn.  
Prattsville, N. Y.  
Sketch page 287



Frank Nichols  
Athens, N. Y.  
Sketch page 289

## Bd. Supervisors

1914-15



John E. Huyck  
Durham, N. Y.  
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Floyd S. Jones  
Cairo, N. Y.  
Sketch page 286



Dayton B. Smith  
Coxsackie, N. Y.  
Sketch page 442



William B. Townsend  
Clerk  
Coxsackie, N. Y.



J. Henry Deane  
Catskill, N. Y.  
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## Bd. Supervisors

1914-15



Lewis Hoose  
Greenville, N. Y.  
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## Greene County Board of Supervisors



Earle W. Jenkins  
Halcott, N. Y.  
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Dr. Sidney L. Ford  
Windham, N. Y.  
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The Greene County Court House.



Catskill in 1915, showing Creek Front, Court House and other Prominent Points.



Louis DuBois and the Indians. See page 108.



Frederick Nelson Du Bois

Catskill, N. Y.

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Residence of Frederick Nelson Du Bois, Catskill, N. Y.

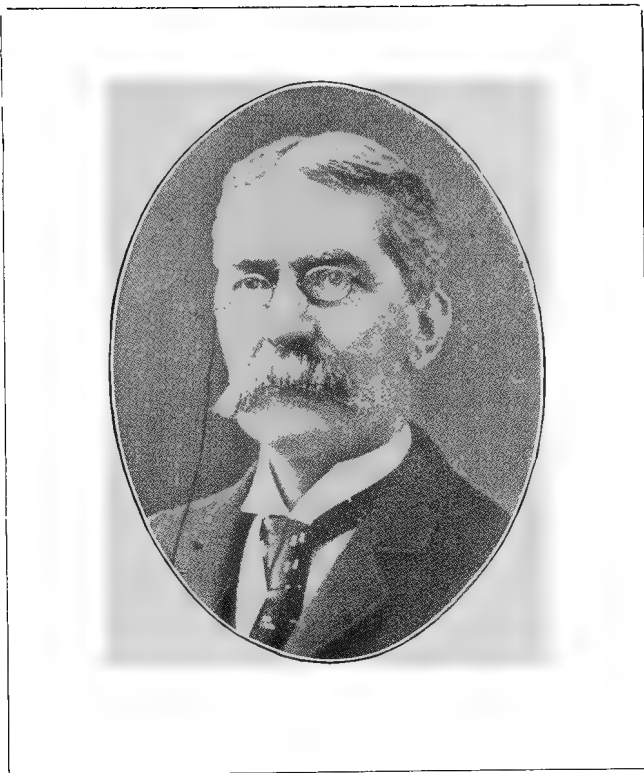


Greene County Jail.



Elmore Mackey, Catskill, sheriff.  
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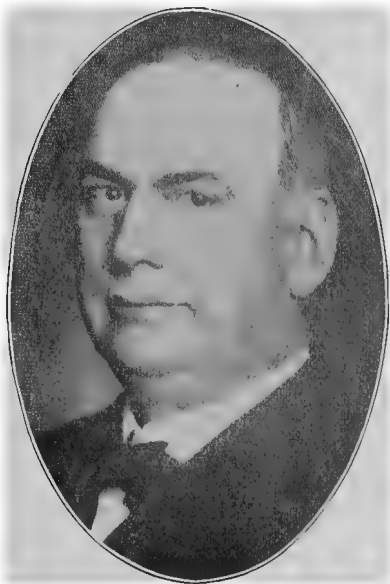


Col. Omar V. Sage, Catskill.

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The Old Stone Jug, Home of Mme Jane Dise.



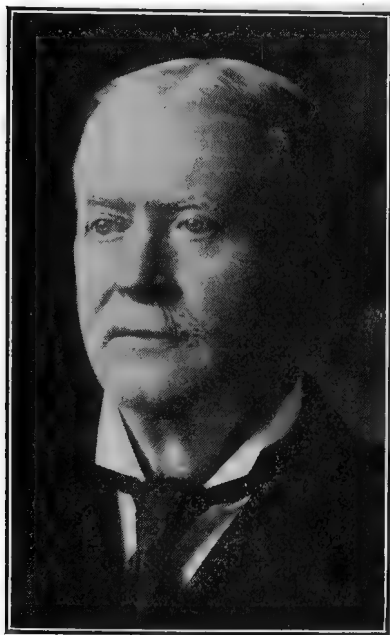
Co. Treasurer, Judson A. Betts.

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Co. Clerk Geo. B. Van Valkenburgh.

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Wm. Joesbury, 50 Years a Fireman.



J. Lewis Patrie, former Assemblyman,



Charles A. Vrooman, Catskill.



Orloff T. Heath, Catskill.



Ira T. Tolley, Cairo, Sup't Co. House



Attorney Lee F.  
Betts, Catskill,  
and his great  
trout.



William F. Franklin, Cossackie publisher.  
Two photographs taken same day.



Calvin S. Jewell,  
former President  
Catskill Village.



Abram Post, Athens,  
former sheriff Greene  
County.



Steamer Onteora, River Queen, near Catskill.



**The Old Bronk Place, Coxsackie, 1663**  
**Oldest House in Greene Co.**  
**Loup-Holed for Indian Fighting.**



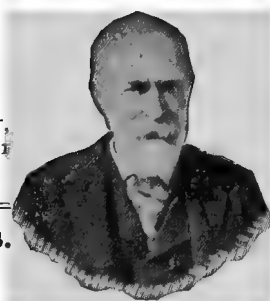
**The Rip Van Winkle House, Sleepy Hollow, 1839**  
**Now Tumbling Down,**





Gen. W. S. C. Wiley,  
Catskill, Gov. Morton's  
Staff.

Alex. D. Wilbur,  
Catskill, Pioneer  
Telegrapher.



## State Census Figures.

July, 1915.

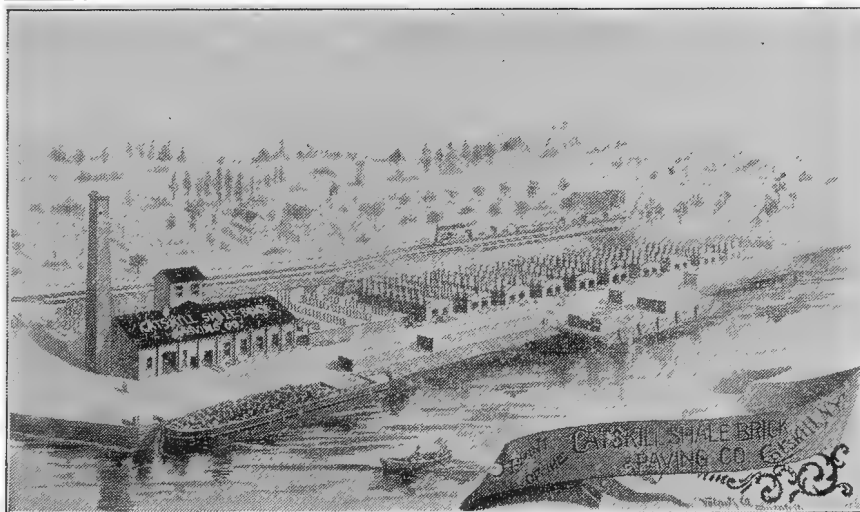
| Towns.              | 1915   | 1910   |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Ashland .....       | 658    | 640    |
| Athens .....        | 2724   | 2720   |
| Cairo .....         | 1966   | 1841   |
| Catskill .....      | *9023  | 9066   |
| Coxsackie .....     | *2453  | 2620   |
| Durham .....        | *1360  | 1475   |
| Greenville .....    | *1550  | 1556   |
| Halcott .....       | 353    | 331    |
| Hunter .....        | 2944   | 2609   |
| Jewett .....        | *1014  | 1057   |
| Lexington .....     | * 926  | 1054   |
| New Baltimore ..... | *1840  | 1936   |
| Prattsville .....   | 887    | 781    |
| Windham .....       | *1390  | 1438   |
|                     | 30,087 | 30,214 |

| Incorporated Villages. | 1915  | 1910 |
|------------------------|-------|------|
| Athens .....           | *1923 | 1956 |
| Catskill .....         | 5373  | 5296 |
| Coxsackie .....        | *2309 | 2494 |
| Hunter .....           | * 405 | 408  |
| Tannersville .....     | 758   | 660  |

\* Indicates a decrease.

Eight show a decrease since the 1910 census. The largest increase was made in the town of Hunter. There a gain of 245 was made.

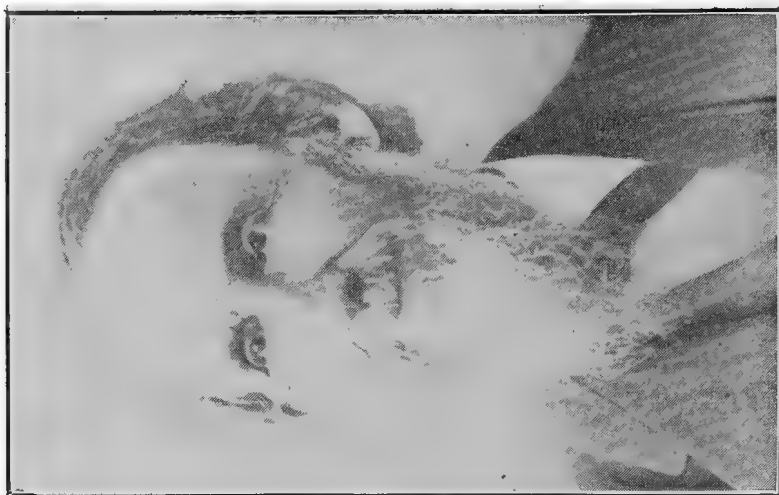
The town of Catskill shows a decrease of 43 and the village an increase of 77.



View shortly after construction. Note few houses on Street.



Dr. Brace, Early  
Catskill Physician  
1800.



Jacob S. Philip, M.D.,  
Catskill, First Homeo-  
pathic Practitioner in  
Greene County. Father  
of Bank Pres. J. P.  
Philip.

## DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY.

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### Official List

#### STATE

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Governor                    | Charles S. Whitman, New York  |
| Lieutenant Governor         | Edward Schoenick, Syracuse    |
| Secretary of State          | Francis M. Hugo, Watertown    |
| Comptroller                 | Eugene M. Travis, Brooklyn    |
| State Treasurer             | James L. Wells, New York      |
| Attorney General            | Egbert E. Woodbury, Jamestown |
| State Engineer and Surveyor | Frank M. Williams, Goshen     |
| Congressman                 | Charles B. Ward, Liberty      |
| State Senator               | Charles Walton, Kingston      |

#### COUNTY

|                                |                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Member of Assembly             | George H. Chase, Jewett                                                                                            |
| County Judge                   | Josiah C. Tallmadge, Catskill                                                                                      |
| Sheriff                        | Elmore Mackey, Athens                                                                                              |
| County Clerk                   | George B. Van Valkenburgh, Lexington                                                                               |
| County Treasurer               | Judson A. Betts, Catskill                                                                                          |
| District Attorney              | Howard C. Wilbur, Catskill                                                                                         |
| Superintendent of Poor         | Ira T. Tolley, Cairo                                                                                               |
| Election Commissioners—        | Thomas J. O'Hara, Prattsville. Charles A. Nichols, Catskill                                                        |
| Commissioners of Equalization— | Eugene Wayne, Catskill. Burton G. Dewell, Windham. Frederick Holsapple, Copake Falls                               |
| Coroners—                      | William M. Rapp, Catskill. Claude D. Mulberry, Windham. R. Y. Hubbard, Tannersville. I. E. Van Hoesen, Cocksackie. |
| Chairman Board of Supervisors  | Elmer Krieger, Prattsville                                                                                         |
| Clerk Board Supervisors        | William B. Townsend, Cocksackie                                                                                    |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures | A. E. Ballou, Catskill                                                                                             |
| Loan Commissioner              | Robert F. Story, Catskill                                                                                          |

#### APPOINTIVE LIST

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Surrogate Clerk              | James Reilly, Catskill            |
| Stenographer                 | Pearl R. Simmons, Catskill        |
| Deputy County Clerk          | Jasper K. Hotaling, New Baltimore |
| Copyist                      | Ethel Hallock, Catskill           |
| Clerk Election Commissioners | Ralph Fancher, Catskill           |
| Clerk County Treasurer       | Mary A. Cooney, Catskill          |
| Court of Appeals Justice     | Emory A. Chase, Catskill          |
| Stenographer and clerk,      | Georgiana Jackson                 |

## DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY.

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Under Sheriff

Seymour June, Athens

Deputies—

Charles Hitchcock, Athens

Ed. Griffin, Lexington

William Peck, Jewett

Martin Chamberlin, Prattville

Marcus Deane, Catskill

M. Earl, South Cairo

Michael Lackey jr., Tannersville

Levi P. Cornwall, Cocksackie

Daniel S. Vincent, New Baltimore

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Elmer Krieger, Chairman

Ashland—H. Clay Ferris

Halcott—Earl W. Jenkins

Athens—Frank Nichols

Hunter—Thomas Seifferth, jr.

Cairo—Floyd F. Jones

Jewett—Frederick Goslee

Catskill—J. Henry Deane

Lexington—Abram V. Rooraback

Cocksackie—Dayton B. Smith

New Baltimore—Dale S. Baldwin

Durham—John Huyck

Prattville—Elmer Krieger

Greenville—Lewis Hoose

Windham—Sidney L. Ford

Clerk, William B. Townsend, Cocksackie

### SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

1st District—Thomas C. Perry, Catskill

2d District—Robert M. McNaught, Windham,

3d District—Walter J. Decker, Hunter.

(See Complete list under Schools)

### COMMISSIONERS BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS

1st District—J. Hubbard Wilcox, Catskill.

2d District—John B. Van Wie, Cocksackie.

3d District—David Vining, Big Hollow.

4th District—Edward Cole, Lexington.

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## Town Officers 1914-1915

### ASHLAND

Supervisor

H. Clay Ferris

Town Clerk

Arthur C. Lee

Justices of Peace

Adee V. Ferris

Samuel C. Clark

William Currie

Levi Tompkins

# DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY.

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|                     |              |                     |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Sanford H. Tompkins | Assessors    | Lambert Cooke       |
| Chas. P. Tompkins   | Alvah Tuttle | Town Superintendent |
| Claude Sutton       | Constables   | Frank Griffin       |
| Truant Officer      |              | James Adee          |

## ATHENS

|                      |                   |                 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Supervisor           |                   | Frank Nichols   |
| Town Clerk           |                   | Richard Gilbert |
|                      | Justices of Peace |                 |
| James E. Moore       |                   | B. L. Edwards   |
| Orin Q. Flint        |                   | John D. Rouse   |
| Egbert M. Hallenbeck |                   | Collector       |

|                      |                          |                     |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|                      | Assessors                |                     |
| Henry R. Van Woert   |                          | Wicks B. Spoor      |
| Charles Gonnerman    | Cortland Van Valkenburgh | Town Superintendent |
|                      | Overseers of Poor        |                     |
| Joseph Robbins       |                          | Ellsworth Perry     |
|                      | Town Auditors            |                     |
| Daniel W. Saunders   |                          | Fred Best           |
|                      | Thomas W. Perry          |                     |
|                      | Constables               |                     |
| Charles W. Hitchcock |                          | John H. Steele      |
| George G. Scott      |                          | Charles Jones       |

Josiah Hallenbeck

## CAIRO

|                            |                       |                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Supervisor                 |                       | Floyd Jones         |
| Town Clerk                 |                       | Harry Chadderdon    |
|                            | Justices of the Peace |                     |
| Francis C. Burnham         |                       | Ira Vail            |
| Charles A. Bassett         |                       | Lysander Lennon     |
|                            | Assessors             |                     |
| Herbert H. Bogardus        |                       | Thomas H. Morrison  |
|                            | James B. Edgerly      |                     |
| Superintendent of Highways |                       | Warren Walters      |
| Collector                  |                       | Irving Turner       |
| Overseer of Poor           |                       | Silas Finch         |
|                            | Constables            |                     |
| Florin P. Haines           |                       | Benjamin B. Bennett |
| R. Baker                   |                       | John Wiltse         |

DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY.

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CATSKILL

|                            |                       |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Supervisor                 |                       | J. Henry Deane              |
| Town Clerk                 | John McGee,           | (Edward Hall, acting clerk) |
|                            | Justices of the Peace |                             |
| Roscoe D. Miller           |                       | Ira B. Kerr                 |
| Dr. James B. Rouse         |                       | George W. Winans            |
| Superintendent of Highways |                       | Frank D. Overbaugh          |
|                            | Assessors             |                             |
| William Joesbury           |                       | Watson Vedder               |
|                            | Lorenzo Overbaugh     |                             |
| Collector                  |                       | Joseph S. Millington        |
|                            | Overseers of Poor     |                             |
| Joseph Obert               |                       | Harris B. Edwards           |
|                            | Town Auditors         |                             |
| Harry B. Morris            |                       | Fred Timmerman              |
|                            | Nelson Mattice        |                             |
|                            | Constables            |                             |
| John Fitzsimmons           |                       | James Fitzsimmons           |
| William Castle             |                       | Mina Easland                |

COXSACKIE

|                            |                       |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Supervisor                 |                       | Dayton B. Smith       |
| Town Clerk                 |                       | Armstrong J. Hotaling |
|                            | Justices of the Peace |                       |
| Edwin C. Hallenbeck        |                       | Harrie Mc Curtis      |
| William T. Haswell         |                       | N. A. Calkins         |
|                            | Assessors             |                       |
| Albert Pierce              |                       | Arthur King           |
|                            | John Scudder          |                       |
| Superintendent of Highways |                       | Ambrose Day           |
|                            | Overseers of Poor     |                       |
| George Johnson             |                       | John S. Steele        |
|                            | Town Auditors         |                       |
| George S. Scott            |                       | Theodore Palmer       |
|                            | Edward Webb           |                       |
|                            | Constables            |                       |
| Charles Van Valkenburgh    |                       | Charles Sharp         |

DURHAM

|                 |                       |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Supervisor      |                       | John Huyck      |
| Town Clerk      |                       | Fred Reynolds   |
|                 | Justices of the Peace |                 |
| John S. Baldwin |                       | Z. A. Pratt     |
| Warren Finch    |                       | George Allen    |
|                 | Assessors             |                 |
| Minthorn Smith  |                       | Zina Rockfellow |
|                 | Romaine Spencer       |                 |

# DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY.

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Collector                  | Clarence O'Hara |
| Superintendent of Highways | John Hull       |
| Overseer of Poor           | C. H. Richmond  |

## GREENVILLE

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Supervisor       | Lewis Hoose      |
| Town Clerk       | Ford B. Roe      |
| Ira Hunt         | Milton H. Beare  |
| Mitchell Sanford | Elmer Flansburgh |

### Justices of the Peace

### Assessors

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Francis O'Hara | Omer T. Losee |
|----------------|---------------|

### Madison Youmans

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Superintendent of Highways | Arthur Evans |
|----------------------------|--------------|

### Overseers of Poor.

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Charles Horton | Jacob Cameron |
| Collector      | Irwin Cameron |

## HALCOTT

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| Supervisor | Earl W. Jenkins |
| Town Clerk | James Whitney   |

### Justices of the Peace

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| W. K. Crosby               | Harry Bradley  |
| E. C. Morse                | Arthur Wileman |
| Superintendent of Highways | W. D. Griffin  |

### Assessors

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| John F. VanValkenburgh | Jacob Blish |
|------------------------|-------------|

### Luther Earle

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Collector        | Arthur Gordon  |
| Overseer of Poor | Herbert Dunham |

## HUNTER

|            |                      |
|------------|----------------------|
| Supervisor | Thomas Seifferth jr. |
| Town Clerk | Julius Dolan         |

### Justices of the Peace

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| George H. Falkner | Richard Haines |
|-------------------|----------------|

### Renwick Dibble

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Superintendent of Highways | Menzo Sharpe |
|----------------------------|--------------|

### Assessors

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| George Byrne | Claude L. Wiltse |
|--------------|------------------|

### Addison Traphagen

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Collector | Herbert O'Hara |
|-----------|----------------|

### Overseers of Poor

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Otto Gordon | Charles Haines |
|-------------|----------------|

### Constables

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| G. S. Hallenbeck | Andrew Hill |
|------------------|-------------|

DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY.

JEWETT

|                            |                       |                  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Supervisor                 |                       | Fred Goslee      |
| Town Clerk                 |                       | Raymond Towner   |
|                            | Justices of the Peace |                  |
| Emmons Pond                |                       | George Lockwood  |
| Jacob Stotz                |                       | G. H. Chase      |
|                            | Assessors             |                  |
| Dorland Peck               |                       | Charles Thompson |
|                            | John Gripman          |                  |
| Superintendent of Highways |                       | Charles Lougyear |
| Collector                  |                       | George Wilson jr |
|                            | Overseers of the Poor |                  |
| John Race                  |                       | David Barnum     |

LEXINGTON

|                            |                       |                         |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Supervisor                 |                       | Abram Rooraback         |
| Town Clerk                 |                       | Robert S. Tuttle        |
|                            | Justices of the Peace |                         |
| John Kelley                |                       | Elmer Dunham            |
|                            | Christopher Reilly    |                         |
|                            | Assessors             |                         |
| George W. Haner            |                       | Ransom Hogaboom         |
|                            | Romaine Kirk          |                         |
| Superintendent of Highways |                       | James G. VanValkenburgh |
| Collector                  |                       | Robert Kirke            |
|                            | Overseers of the Poor |                         |
| Frank Patterson            |                       | Romaine Van Valkenburgh |

NEW BALTIMORE

|                            |                       |                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Supervisor                 |                       | Dale S. Baldwin     |
| Town Clerk                 |                       | A. G. Nelson        |
|                            | Justices of the Peace |                     |
| W. C. Harden               |                       | Hezekiah Austin     |
| Wm. H. Hotaling            |                       | Byron Mansfield     |
|                            | Assessors             |                     |
| Melvin P. Hotaling         |                       | Isaac Travis        |
|                            | Jaurdinette Carr      |                     |
| Superintendent of Highways |                       | Barney P. Gardenier |
| Collector                  |                       | Wilbur S. Vosburgh  |

PRATTSVILLE

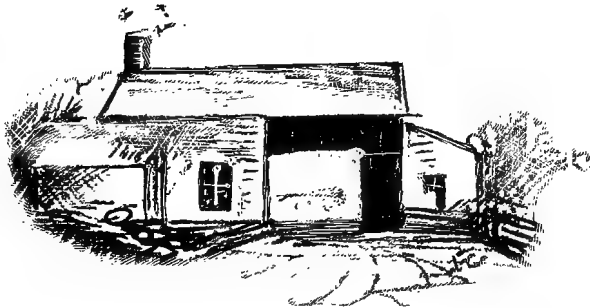
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| Supervisor |  | Elmer Krieger      |
| Town Clerk |  | George R. Laverack |



DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                            | Justices of the Peace |                     |
| Pardy A. Peckham           |                       | Newell S. Griffin   |
|                            | Shirley Cammer        |                     |
| Superintendent of Highways |                       | Frank Tompkins      |
|                            | Assessors             |                     |
| Salem Beers                |                       | Andrew Carman       |
|                            | Charles Shoemaker     |                     |
| Collector                  |                       | Arthur Doyle        |
| Overseer of Poor           |                       | George Fowler       |
|                            | WINDHAM               |                     |
| Supervisor                 |                       | Sidney L. Ford      |
| Town Clerk                 |                       | Arthur Roach        |
|                            | Justices of the Peace |                     |
| Demont L. Chase            |                       | A. Newton Chatfield |
|                            | Oswell R. Coe         |                     |
|                            | Assessors             |                     |
| Oscar Fuller               |                       | Newell A. Peck      |
|                            | Romaine A. Butts      |                     |
| Superintendent of Highways |                       | Omar Hitchcock      |
| Collector                  |                       | Orwell Mc Lashan    |
|                            | Overseers of Poor     |                     |
| Thomas Cryne               |                       | David Vining        |
|                            | Constables            |                     |
| William H. Moon            |                       | A. Melvin Stewart   |
|                            | Burton R. Robinson    |                     |



The Old Toll Gate at Woodstock Bridge.

DEAR OLD GREENE COUNTY.

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**The Patent Lines**

Previous to the formation of Greene County this section was mostly held under large land grants or patents, and these sections were increased by purchases from the Indian tribes. We have not room to refer to these in detail.

| Patent       | Date | Territory          |
|--------------|------|--------------------|
| Von Bremen   | 1653 | Catskill           |
| Loveridge    | 1653 | Catskill           |
| Bronk's      | 1662 | Coxsackie          |
| Loonenburgh  | 1665 | Athens             |
| Coeymans     | 1673 | Part of Coxsackie  |
| Catskill     | 1678 | Catskill           |
| Korlarskill  | 1678 | Coxsackie & Athens |
| Van Vechten  | 1686 | Catskill & Athens  |
| Lockerman    | 1686 | Catskill           |
| Coxsackie    | 1687 | Coxsackie          |
| Hayes        | 1687 | The Vly, Catskill  |
| Baker's      | 1691 | Freehold           |
| Fullerton    | 1692 | Catskill           |
| Hotaling     | 1697 | Coxsackie          |
| Hallenbeck   | 1717 | Greenville         |
| Kiskatomajie | 1718 | Catskill           |
| Livingston   | 1719 | Catskill           |
| Beekman      | 1719 | Catskill           |
| Batavia      | 1736 | Windham            |
| Linzey       | 1738 | Catskill           |
| Stighkoke    | 1743 | Coxsackie          |
| Van Bergen   | 1743 | Coxsackie          |
| Maitland     | 1743 | Coxsackie          |
| Roseboom     | 1751 | Athens & Coxsackie |
| Hardenburgh  | 1751 | *1-3 of County     |
| Prevost      | 1764 | Greenville         |
| Maitland     | 1765 | Durham             |
| Seaton       | 1767 | Durham             |
| Baker's      | 1769 | Catskill           |
| Bake Oven    | 1771 | Catskill           |
| Stewart      | 1771 | Durham             |

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The first patent appears to have been Von Bremen's, in 1653.

In addition to the patents there were hundreds of grants of lands.

\*The Hardenburgh patent was the greatest of all and embraced Hunter, Lexington, Jewett, Halcott and portions of Prattsville and Ashland, 140,000 acres.

A large portion of the Hardenburgh Patent is still virgin forest and includes state lands.

The district of Cocksackie of which Freehold was a part extended from the Hudson River to Conesville in Schoharie county.

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### Organization of Towns

The organization of the several towns in Greene county was as follows:

Catskill, March 7, 1788, formed from Albany county.

Cocksackie, March 7, 1788, formed from Albany county.

Durham, (Freehold), March 8, 1790, from Cocksackie.

Windham, March 23, 1798, from Ulster county.

Cairo, (Canton), March 28, 1803, Catskill, Cocksackie, and Durham.

Greenville, (Freehold), March 26, 1803, from Catskill and Durham.

New Baltimore, March 15, 1811, from Cocksackie.

Hunter, (Greenland), Jan. 27, 1813, from Windham.

Lexington, (New Goshen), Jan. 27, 1813, from Windham.

Athens, Feb. 25, 1815, from Catskill and Cocksackie.

Prattsville, March 8, 1833, from Windham,

Ashland, March 23, 1848, from Prattsville and Windham.

Jewett, Nov. 16, 1849, from Hunter and Lexington.

Halcott, Nov. 19, 1851, from Lexington.

### The Villages in 1859

According to an old gazeteer in 1859, Ashland had 400 population, 2 churches, and a collegiate institution, of Methodist denomination.

Athens—Incorporated 1805, population 1747, 5 churches.

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Cairo—Population 353, 4 churches, Presbyterian and Baptist, organized 1799.

Catskill—Population 2520, 5 churches, 3 newspapers, 2 banks, and many mercantile and manufacturing concerns. Brick industry principal.

Leeds—Population 450, 2 churches and mills.

Palenville—2 tanneries woolen factory and 18 buildings.

Coxsackie—Population 1800, 6 churches, academy, bank, newspaper, brick yards and ship building.

Durham—2 churches, 30 houses, and population not given.

Oak Hill—Population 320 and 2 churches.

Cornwallville—15 houses, South Durham 10 houses, Center-ville a hamlet.

Greenville—3 churches, an academy and 35 houses.

Freehold—Church and 24 houses.

Norton Hill—16 houses.

East Greenville—1 church and 10 houses.

Halcott—West Lexington, only a post office.

Hunter—Population 390, 2 churches and several factories.

Tannersville—3 churches, post office, and tanneries. Population not stated. It is said that the first settlers had their property confiscated by Whigs, and that these persons or families were Samuel, Elisha and John Haines, who trailed from Kingston through Mink Hollow, in 1791. A man named Olmsted built the first grist mill, kept the first store and hotel according to this record and John Haines was the first birth in this section.

Jewett—2 churches and 14 houses. Formerly Lexington Heights.

Jewett Center—Postoffice.

East Jewett—Postoffice.

Lexington—2 churches and 27 buildings.

Westkill—1 church and 31 buildings.

Bushnellville—Hamlet.

New Baltimore—Population 709, Scutters, Willow and Little Island annexed from Kinderhook, 2 churches and ship yard.

Medway—Post office.

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Prattsville—Population 617, 3 churches and several factories.

Red Falls—Population 231, cotton factory and paper mill.

Windham—Population 350 and 3 churches.

Hensonville—Population 134.

Big Hollow—2 churches and 12 houses.

Union Society—Post office.

There were 161 schools in the county, 11,869 pupils, and there were 15,591 males and 15,546 females, There were raised 6000 horses, 12,000 oxen, 12,000 cows, 19,000 sheep, 14,000 hogs, 79,000 bushels of winter wheat and over 400,000 bushels of spring wheat, 116,000 bushels of potatoes, over 1,000,000 pounds of butter, 21,000 pounds of cheese and about 7000 yards of cloth woven.

### The Villages of 1915

The following villages are located in the several towns;

Ashland—Ashland and East Ashland.

Athens—Athens and Lime Street.

Cairo—Cairo, South Cairo, Purling, Acra, Gayhead and Round Top.

Catskill—Catskill, Leeds, Palenville, Lawrenceville, Alsen, Kiskatom and Cementon.

Coxsackie—Coxsackie, West Coxsackie, Surprise, Urlton and Climax.

Durham—Durham, East Durham, West Durham, South Durham, Cornwallville, Hervey Street Oak Hill and Sunside.

Greenville—Greenville, East Greenville, West Greenville, Greenville Center, Norton Hill, Freehold and Place's Corners.

Halcott—Halcott.

Hunter—Hunter, Tannersville, Haines Falls, Edgewood, Platt Clove, Lanesville, Onteora Park, Elka Park and Sunset Park.

Jewett—Jewett Center, East Jewett and Jewett Heights.

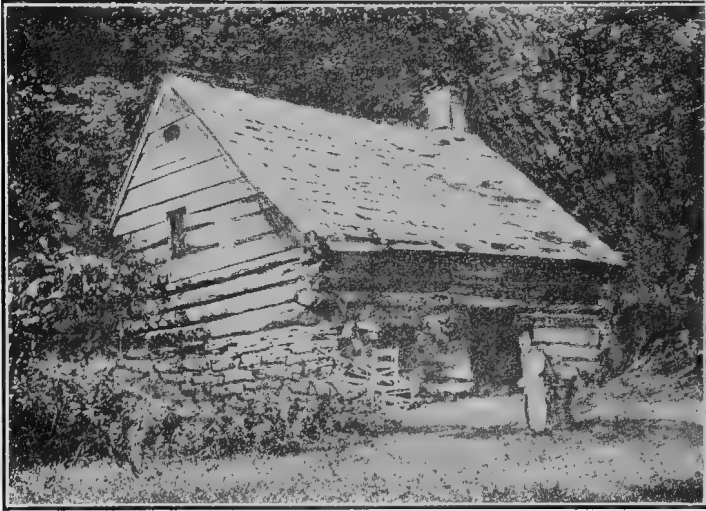
Lexington—Lexington, West Kill, Bushnellville and Spruceton.

New Baltimore—New Baltimore, New Baltimore Stn., Result, Stanton Hill and Medway.

Prattsville—Prattsville and Red Falls.

Windham—Windham, Hensonville, Big Hollow, Brooklyn, East Windham and Union Society.

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Last Old Log House in Lexington.

Population of County

| Town            | 1810  | 1820  | 1830  | 1840  | 1850  | 1865  | 1875  | 1900  | 1910  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Ashland.....    |       |       |       |       | 1290  | 1080  | 935   | 692   | 640   |
| Athens.....     |       | 2030  | 2425  | 2593  | 2986  | 2978  | 3467  | 2891  | 2720  |
| Cairo.....      | 2035  | 2353  | 2912  | 2812  | 2831  | 2341  | 2318  | 2176  | 1841  |
| Catskill.....   | 4245  | 3510  | 4861  | 3458  | 5454  | 6679  | 7985  | 8566  | 9066  |
| Coxsackie.....  | 4047  | 2853  | 3373  | 3799  | 3741  | 3561  | 3991  | 4102  | 3620  |
| Durham.....     | 2944  | 2980  | 3039  | 2613  | 2600  | 2412  | 2209  | 1636  | 1475  |
| Greenville....  | 2304  | 2374  | 2565  | 2261  | 2242  | 2246  | 2031  | 1651  | 1556  |
| Halcott.....    |       |       |       |       |       | 436   | 391   | 350   | 331   |
| Hunter.....     |       | 1025  | 1960  | 2433  | 1849  | 1641  | 1564  | 2788  | 2699  |
| Jewett.....     |       |       |       |       | 1452  | 1110  | 1114  | 1028  | 1054  |
| Lexington. ...  |       | 1798  | 2548  | 2902  | 2263  | 1520  | 1314  | 1153  | 1954  |
| New Baltimore.  |       | 2036  | 2370  | 2347  | 2381  | 2629  | 2664  | 2283  | 1936  |
| Prattsville.... |       |       |       | 2069  | 1989  | 1484  | 1121  | 775   | 781   |
| Windham.....    | 3961  | 2536  | 3472  | 2670  | 2048  | 1591  | 1488  | 1387  | 1438  |
| Total.....      | 19536 | 22995 | 29525 | 31957 | 33126 | 31710 | 32592 | 31478 | 30214 |

The population of Athens village 1956, Catskill 5296, Coxsackie 2494, Tannersville 660, Hunter 480 last census.



Property Destroyed to Make Room for the New County Buildings.

## Lands Now Occupied by County Buildings.

The fire loss estimated at \$50,000.

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Building fire proof, did not burn. Court house and residence of King only damaged. Bosworth House adjoined Franklin House. Newbury House near Clark st. sheds.





The Old Court House, Now the Masonic Temple.

## **The County Buildings.**

### **COURT HOUSE**

The old court house was erected in 1813, and stands today at the corner of Franklin and Bridge streets, Catskill, practically the same as when it was built. It was enlarged during the 80's and some alterations and improvements made in front of the building. At present it is owned and occupied by Catskill Lodge, F. & A. M., and a portion leased to the town of Catskill, for justice and town board purposes.

The new court house was erected in 1908-9, pursuant to a resolution of the Greene County Board of Supervisors, the aggregate cost being about \$180,000. It is without doubt the finest

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county building in the state. It is built of Ohio sand stone and fireproof. The interior is finished with tirazza and inlaid floors, marble wainscoting, and hard natural woods. The Supreme court chambers, court room, supervisors' rooms, and County Judge's chambers are furnished with antique oak furnishings, and the carpets in keeping with the other fittings. The county treasurer, sheriff and election commissioners have excellent chambers. The vaults for records are fireproof and very spacious.

The building is located at the corner of Main and Bridge streets, and the surroundings are first class. On the lawn is a grand fountain, the gift to the county of the late Senator William P. Fiero, of Catskill, costing a large sum of money. The county jail costing about \$10,000 is located in the rear of the court house, and the Carnegie library costing \$30,000, is across the street, as also are the Presbyterian church and Masonic Temple. Grand buildings that replaced unsightly structures. In the vestibule of the court house is the following tablet which tells the story of the beautiful structure.

Erected 1908-1909

### Board of Supervisors -

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chairman, Charles A. Post | Clerk, Geo. B. Van Valkenburgh |
| François L. Dodge         | Sidney L. Ford                 |
| Charles A. Post           | Elmore Mackey                  |
| Charles P. Jones          | William Townsend               |
| William S. Borthwick      | Edgar Roe                      |
| Lorenzo Van Valkenburgh   | Renwick Dibble                 |
| George H. Chase           | Van Resselaer Kirke            |
| Edgar Palmer              | Elmer Krieger                  |

### Building Committee

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Charles A. Post | Elmer Krieger   |
| Renwick Dibble  | George H. Chase |

### Advisory Committee

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Emory A. Chase      | William S. C. Wiley   |
| Josiah C. Tallmadge | Clarence E. Bloodgood |
| Frank H. Osborn     | P. Gardner Coffin     |

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### Furniture Committee

William B. Townsend

Edgar Roe

Frank L. Dodge

Sidney L. Ford

Van Rensselaer Kirke

William S. Beardsley, architect.

Peter Keeler Company, builders.

The county barn cost about \$5000. The barn and the retaining walls and side walks of the court house were built by George W. Holdridge of Catskill.

The Supervisors' committee of 1909 reported the account for new Court House and Jail and fixtures:

|                                                 |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Peter Keeler Building Company.....              | \$140,068 |
| Fixed furniture.....                            | 5,900     |
| Metal furniture, Art Metal Construction Co..... | 9,645     |
| Furniture and furnishings, Derby Desk Co.....   | 8,312     |
| Lighting fixtures, Black & Boyd .....           | 2,681     |
|                                                 | <hr/>     |
|                                                 | \$166,601 |

Since that time many improvements have been made.

### Corner Stone Laying

The laying of the corner stone of the new court house was made a great day in Catskill, and there were 400 masons present from all quarters of the county. The masons had charge of the exercises, and Hudson, Kingston, Albany, Prattsville, Windham, Coxsackie, Hunter, New Baltimore, Greenville, Oak Hill, Cairo, and other places were represented. Cairo alone turned out 40 masons. Lafayette Commandry of Hudson paraded in uniform. District Attorney Howard C. Wilbur was Grand Marshall, assisted by Geo. A. Dykeman and F. L. Vedder. Hudson and Catskill bands furnished the music, and the Board of Supervisors headed the parade. The address was by Grand Master Charles Smith. Village papers, historical paper by Justice Chase, coins and documents were sealed in the corner stone.

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The Old County Jail.

JAIL

The county jail was located on lands or site of the old academy which was purchased in 1801, and in 1803 work was commenced on the building, which was of brick and stone. This

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building was enlarged in 1862, and in the 80's. The old cells were on numerous occasions given another sheathing of heavy iron until at the time they were put in the hands of the junk man in 1909 they had six coverings and the old iron alone brought Mrs. Beardsley \$800. We present a view of the old structure, and also a view of the new Heidelburgh. From the research of Justice Chase we glean the following facts in regard to the jail and the court house, all of which are of great interest:

First, that the lands were purchased in 1801, of Ira Day, Stephen Day, George Hale, John V. D. S. Scott and Thomas Hale, and a later purchase in the same year of Abram Salisbury, Wessell Salisbury, and William Elting, being the lot and building whereon the academy was then standing. This academy became the court house. In 1812 it was decided to build a new court house, Ira Gay, Isaac DuBois, Orrin Day, Joseph Klein, Ezra Hawley and Lyman Hall gave bonds in the penal sum of \$16,000 to procure a lot, and they secured the land on which the Masonic Temple is standing, and Orrin Day and Isaac DuBois were appointed a commission to erect a court house and a fire proof vault. There has been an idea that this building was destroyed by fire, but Justice Chase says that he can find no authority for this statement.

The history of the jail shows that there were four executions taking place within its walls, the last one being that of Joe Waltz, the murderer of one Hoelcher, a scissors grinder; Warren Wood, John Kelley and Robert James being the others. These men were all hanged, and the old ropes are stored away in the attic of the court house. Balls and chains worn by them are in possession of Mrs. Charles Beardsley, who bought the old jail.

Robert James murdered Patrick Flynn, a drover at East Durham. Judge Edmunds presided at the trial, in 1846.

John Kelley murdered Lucretia Lewis at Prattsville, in 1847. He was tried before Judge Willard.

Warren Wood murdered Hiram Williams of Greenville, in 1853, and he was tried before Judge Ira Harris.

Lyman Tremaine, Rufus W. Watson, Mitchell Sanford and

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Sidney Crowell were the district attorneys who prosecuted these cases.

There have been a great many other important murder trials since that time, but all resulted in lesser degree convictions.

The new jail is located on Bridge street and in the rear of the court house. It is a modern two story structure, of Ohio sandstone, with the apartments of the sheriff and his family facing the street and the jail proper in the rear, the entrance to the jail being from the alley, and into the office of the sheriff. There are 30 steel cages, or cells, two hospital rooms, a padded cell, in all 8 departments on 3 floors. All the conditions are modern, with bath, toilet, steam heat and electric light. The basement is supplied with bunks and is used for tramps. The present sheriff is Elmore Mackey of Athens, and Mrs. Mackey is matron. It is regarded as one of the best and finest jails in the state.

### THE HEIDELBURGH

No history of Greene county would be complete without a description of the Heidelberg, one of the most charming homes or hostleries that is to be found in all Greene county, which Phoenix like has risen from the dust of the famous old Greene county jail. For while the original walls of 18 and 20 inches thickness of solid masonry remain, there has been added a slightly mansard roof and dormer windows, bringing into existence a large hall and 11 commodious rooms, where once was only a boxed enclosure that led to the cupola. And it was underneath this cupola that Joseph Waltz, the scissors grinder murderer was executed. From the beautiful rooms of the third floor is the grandest view of the mountains to be found in Catskill, and more than 60 miles of the mountains are to be seen. On the second floor there remains the large hallway, and the extra wide doorways, but the cells that were devoted to prisoners, who had been guilty of lesser crimes, and to women if such there happened to be committed, have given place to a grand suite of connecting rooms, and all of the rooms are large, and have 12 foot ceilings. The staircase and much of the finishings throughout the house are from lumber that was sawed out of the oak planks that for 112 years had formed part of the jail. These were sawed and fitted by Mr. Beardsley, who

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is a skilled architect and builder. Perhaps the greatest change is on the first floor where the large hall still remains; and the front door is the same. The two steel plated cells, dark and repulsive, with their single window of about two feet square, studded with steel bars, have given place to a lovely dining room that is 20x50 feet. At the spot where hung the massive bunch of keys to padlocks that weighed about ten pounds now stands a handsome grandfather's clock. There are parlors, the bridal suite, kitchen with the old jail range still doing service, and a refrigerator room. Underneath is the laundry, heating apparatus, etc. The veranda has been extended and on the east side a handsome porch spans the driveway, and lends a colonial air to the structure. The entire structure is furnished throughout in a simple but luxuriant manner.

In it all there is never a dream of the scissors grinder or the pitiful creatures that were for 112 years incarcerated in the mouldy smelling and vermin infested dark and repulsive cells. Preserved in the attic are chains, foot clamps and iron balls that were attached to leg chains, branding irons that tradition says were used on the very bad prisoners, padlocks, handcuffs, with chains all for desperate characters

When in 1909, Mrs. Beardsley bid in the property for \$3000, Catskill people thought that she had the ghost of Banco on her hands, and even Mr. Beardsley couldn't just understand how she had come to get him that rummage sale stuff. Possibly he fumed a little and wondered how he was going to get rid of the double tier of steel cells, and how after all there could be anything worth saving in the structure. Leave that to the genius and artistic Mrs. Beardsley and we have arrived at the solution of it all. She got the grandest view in all Catskill, and she got a home that would be a palace for the Caesars. Out of the ruins of the cells, she chased \$10 gold pieces, that had been hidden away in the crevices of years, and out of the 80 tons of the finest Norway iron she found other treasure, and no sooner had it gone out that she had purchased the jail than Troy, Poughkeepsie, Kingston and Utica iron dealers began to offer her 30, 35, 40 and finally 50 cents per hundred pounds for the iron, and she closed with a

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View of the Heidelberg. Old Jail Reincarnated by Mrs. Beardsley.



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Kingston dealer, who sent six men to cut off the bolts and get the iron in pieces so that it could be moved. \$800 for old iron and all she had to do was listen to the din and crash of the getting it out. The old museum to which we refer, she has not yet disposed of, though it is of considerable value. Besides she has the commitment papers of a hundred years. The old cells had no less than six coatings of iron on them. Some of them bore the saw marks of John Kelley, the desperate criminal who escaped during the term of Sheriff Decker.

In it all Mrs. Beardsley showed a pluck and determination that is remarkable. For two weeks she worked with bar and hammers to tear down a portion of that old 20 inch wall on the second floor in order to make a change that she wanted, and all the while Mr. Beardsley wondering at the increasing pile of brick in the rear of the jail did not know what she was up to. She pried them loose and let them down in a pail attached to a rope. When he found it out there were some men on the job very soon.

It is a remarkable fact that within a stone's throw of the Heidelburgh there are six other splendid dwellings which Mr. Beardsley has erected and which have successively been occupied by himself and his family. All built upon honor and splendid homes. There is the Edgar Root place, the Philip Van Orden mansion, the Abram Joseph house, Clarence Sage's house, the Newcomb cottage, and the Michael Edwards place. This is in addition to many handsome homes and structures that Mr. Beardsley has built for others, during the long term of over 40 years as head architect for Edwin Lampman.

## ALMS HOUSE

The Greene County Alms House is located at Cairo, and is a two story brick structure erected in 1883, which is credit to the county in every way. It accommodates about ninety persons. In addition to the main building which we show elsewhere, there is a two story frame building, which houses about 35 or 40 persons. In addition to the buildings referred to. there are barns, sheds, etc., and a farm of about 198 acres, of which 100 is under cultivation. The county house is heated by steam, has electric

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light, and all the conditions are excellent. Ira T. Tolley is superintendent and Mrs. Tolley matron. The first structure cost about \$5000. The present structure could not be replaced for \$30,000. The farm was originally 10 acres, and about \$500 worth of produce was raised. Very largely the farm now supplies the needs of the inmates in the matter of produce. (See town of Cairo for further description of county house.)

### SPIRIT OF THE COURT HOUSE

We are indebted to Justice Emory A. Chase for further facts in regard to the lands occupied now by the court house, jail, and county barn:

The lot was a part of the Gysbert Uyt de Bogart lands, purchased from the Esopus Indians, in 1684, and at that time was a forest. In 1738 it was a part of the Lindsay Patent, and passed to George Clark, who owned pretty much all of Catskill. The county property comprised lots 12 and 13 owned by Egbert Bogardus and James Barker, also owner of a large patent. On the map of property destroyed it 1851, we show a number of buildings, of which one of the most important outside of the three churches burned was the old Greene County Hotel, formerly known as Donnelly's. This hotel is mentioned many times in the early reminiscence of Catskill. It was probably built close to the year 1800.

Its a little bit remarkable that this site should have been the scene of so many interesting bits of history. It had many fires, subsequent to the fire of 1851, which was the most disastrous in the history of Catskill.

The fire of 1851 started on the west side of Main street and swept through to what is now Broad street. Only buckets of water were available and a north west wind carried the fire beyond control. The court house, now the Masonic Temple had one side burned. The residence of Rufus King, still standing, was partially burned. The small office of Powers & Day did not burn, being fire proof.

So much for the fires.

The Rev. Anson DuBois stated that in 1784, according to the statement of his grandmother, the court house lot comprised

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an orchard and that one day she was surprised to see a stranger enter the orchard, engage in prayer, at the foot of a tree. Then on rising take from his pocket a hymn book and begin to sing. Then he read a chapter, and delivered a sermon, being it appeared the first Methodist preacher to visit Greene county. He had a good congregation and at the close announced that in four weeks he would return and preach in the same place.

The beautiful court house, and the grand memorial fountain now mark the spot of this first gospel sermon. A curious and remarkable incident. Was it not the Spirit of the court house?

Not for many years after the organization of the county was any provision made by the Board of Supervisors for a surrogate's office. John H. Cuyler, surrogate from March 29, 1800, to June 18, 1808; Dorrance Kirkland, surrogate from June 18, 1808, to March 15, 1810; and again from February 5, 1811, to April 18, 1838, maintained the surrogate's office at Coxsackie John Adams surrogate from March 15, 1810, to February 5, 1811, and Lyman Tremaine, surrogate from June 7, 1847, to January 1, 1852. maintained the surrogate's office at Durham. The office was first opened in the court house by John Sanderson, surrogate, May 1, 1889.

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On the King's Road, Today as in 1800.

## Henry Hudson



The discoverer of the state of New York, and the first white man to look upon the great river that bears his name, was born in obscurity and his life bark passed to the great beyond following a mutiny of the sailors on his ship who set him afloat with his son and seven sailors on the dark waters of the bay that also bears his name. Christopher Columbus sailed from Genoa, his native town, and discovered America. John and Sebastian Cabot set out, in 1497, from England, discovering Newfoundland in 1497, and

then explored the Atlantic coast as far as Florida. Hudson also was an English navigator and was in the service of the Dutch, but no one knows the place of his birth. He sailed from Holland in the service of the Dutch East India Company in a small ship known as the Half Moon, leaving Amsterdam April 4th, 1609, and anchored off the Highlands in September of the same year. He passed a month in exploring the waters of the river and went as far as Albany. He was attacked by bands of Indians who came out in their canoes, but had no trouble in preventing their doing any damage. At Catskill, where anchorage appears to have been made, he was met by friendly Indians who brought corn and vegetables to him. Old writers tell us of an Indian tradition that refers to the coming of the Half Moon, which they regarded as the Manittou or Great Spirit, and that they regarded with awe and reverence the arrival of the great boat. Compared with the birch bark canoes of the natives the Half Moon was 75 feet in length and her sails appeared as the wings of a great white bird

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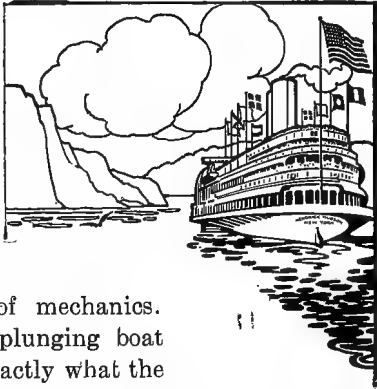
which seemed to float without energy. The river they called the Mahicannittuck. On a subsequent voyage his tragic death occurred. The murderers went unpunished, so far as law and justice were concerned.



The Half Moon at Anchor Off Catskill Point

### Robert Fulton

Inseparably connected with the history of the Hudson should be woven the invention of the steamboat, which was destined to render the Hudson River the most important in the world. Robert Fulton was born in Little Brittain, Pa., in 1765, and his energies appear to have been along the line of mechanics. As early as 1801 he invented a plunging boat which was calculated to do exactly what the to-day submarines have accomplished in warfare. He successfully demonstrated the possibility of blowing up a boat, but the British government discouraged the project. The first steamboat on the Hudson River was built by him and made his trip from New York to Albany in the spring of 1807. In 1814



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he invented another submarine, to carry 100 men and the government approved the plans. He died in 1815, however, before the boat had been completed, and nothing came of it.



## Catskill and the Hudson River

As Greene County has been indebted to her beautiful mountains for her fame, so has she from the beginning been indebted to the Hudson for her wonderful transportation facilities. Of this transportation the Hudson River Day Line has for over sixty years been a great factor, and the enterprise of this company and its extensive advertising of the Catskill district has had much to do with the growth and prosperity of Catskill and the entire county.

In the earlier days such day boats as the "Armenia," 212 feet long, the "Alida," 276 feet long and the "Francis Skiddy," 322 feet long, made a history in passenger steamboat transportation. Then the "Daniel Drew," the "Chauncey Vibbard" and the "Mary Powell" made better history and became more famous, and these were followed in turn by the "Albany," Hendrick Hudson," Robert Fulton" and "Washington Irving" of the present time, which steamers make without doubt the greatest quartette of river carriers in the world.

**HUDSON RIVER**  
SHOWING ROUTE  
OF  
**HUDSON RIVER**  
**DAY LINE.**

150 Miles from N. Y.

Solkirk  
Castleton  
Ravena  
Schodack  
New Baltimore  
Stuyvesant  
Coxsackie  
Coxsackie Station  
Stockport  
Athens  
HUDSON  
120 Miles from N. Y.

**CATSKILL**  
115 Miles from N. Y.

West Camp  
Germantown  
Malden  
Saugerties  
Tivoli  
Glascow  
Barrytown  
Rhinecliff  
Rondout  
ULSTER PARK  
Staatsburg  
Esopus  
Hyde Park  
West Park  
Highland  
POUGHKEEPSIE  
75 Miles from N. Y.

Milton  
Camelot  
Marlboro  
New Hamburg  
Cedar Cliff  
Low Point  
Roseton  
Fishkill  
**NEWBURGH**  
60 Miles from N. Y.

Dutchess Jc.  
Storm King  
Cornwall  
Cold Spring  
**WEST POINT**  
50 Miles from N. Y.

Garrison  
Highland Falls  
Fort Montgomery  
Highlands  
Iona Island  
Peekskill  
Jones Point  
Verplanck  
Tomkins Cove  
Crugers  
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Rockland Lake  
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Scarboro  
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Piermont  
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Hastings  
Glenwood  
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Mt. St. Vincent  
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Edgewater  
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**NEW JERSEY**

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on the Hendrick Hudson, of 1915, listening to the daily concert of the Metropolitan Orchestra, under the direction of Martin Van Praag.

Imagine him, if you will, in the midst of such scenes as today press the entire shore of the Hudson. After having aeroplaned to New York and then taken the boat at Debrosses street, passing the several towns and cities shown in map on the preceding page, dining sumptuously, and at 3 p. m. stepping off the boat at Catskill Point, where the Indians in canoes once met him. Hustling into a Mountain Railroad train or waiting auto, and in an hour's time standing at the summit of the distant blue line that threw its charm across the picture—the Catskill Mountains, sentinels of creation, and crowning glory still of the great region discovered by himself, Sept. 2d, 1609.

In Eastman's History of New York, 1829, we find that on one of the trips of Henry Hudson up the river, in which he spent ten weeks getting as far as what probably was the mouth of the Catskill creek they were met by a party of Indians, and that after the usual exchange of corn and skins, Hudson left the Indians with axes, hoes and stockings. The following year when Hudson again sailed up the river they found the same Indians wearing the axes and hoes attached to their necks as ornaments, and the stockings being in use as pouches for tobacco. Hudson then put helves in the axes and showed them how to chop down trees. This was around 1610.

From documentary works we have obtained a number of views that are appropriate in connection with the early history of the Hudson, and the subsequent development of steamboating. For the views of the Hudson River Day Line steamboats, and of some of the first boats, we are indebted to the management of this line.

The Clermont was 133 feet long and 18 feet beam, 8 feet hold. Speed 4 miles an hour. Those who saw the replica of this old boat as she appeared with the Half Moon in the great celebration at Catskill will remember with what slowness she traveled up



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the river, holding the great fleet to a speed of 4 miles as she for the first and last time traversed the Hudson under her own steam.

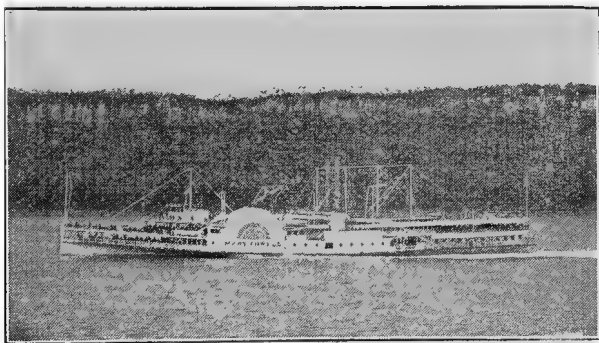
The Clermont made two trips a week, and it took from 30 to 36 hours to cover the distance. This was an improvement on the stage trip however, which took from three to four days, never less than 3 days. The stage fare was \$10 to Albany, \$21 to Buffalo. The steamboat fare to Albany was about \$8.

The following is a reproduction of the very brief announcement that appeared in the columns of the American Citizen on on Monday, Aug. 17, 1807:

Mr. Fulton's ingenious steamboat, invented with a view to the navigation of the Mississippi river from New Orleans upwards, sails today from the North river near the state prison, to Albany. The velocity of the steamboat is calculated at 4 miles an hour; it is said that it will make a progress of two miles against the current of the Mississippi; and if so will certainly be a very valuable acquisition to the commerce of the western states.

The fare from Albany to New York is now \$1.50 by day line, and competition has brought the night trip to \$1 excursion.

The Catskill Evening Line steamers for a number of seasons made round trips to New York the same day, leaving Catskill at 6 A. M., and returning to Catskill at 8 P. M. And all for \$1.25



The Mary Powell, an Early Giant of the Day Line.

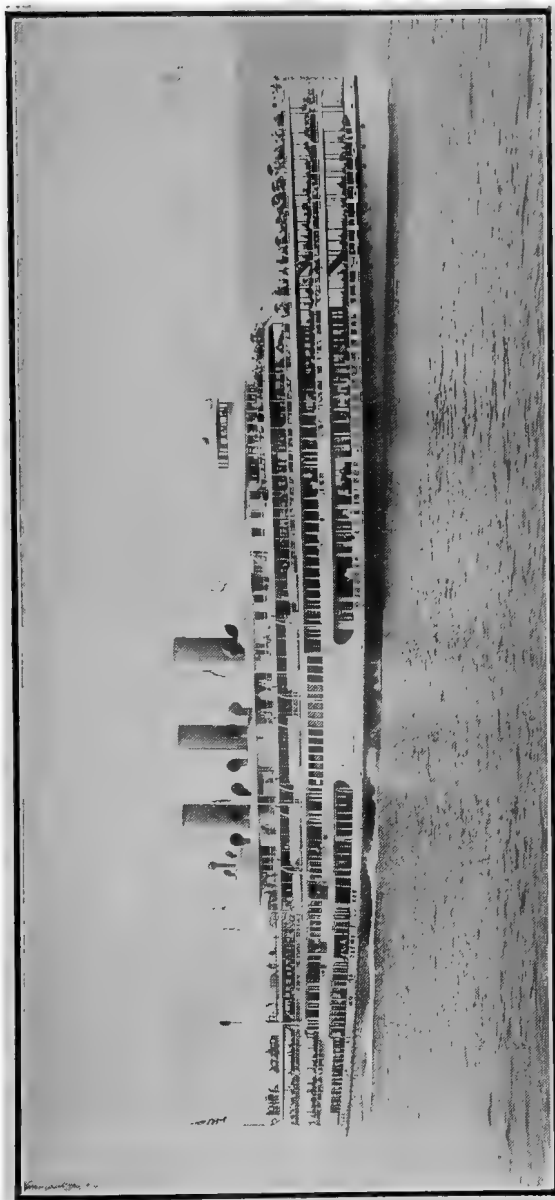


## The Grand Floating Palaces of To-Day

The Magnificent Steel Steamer, Hendrick Hudson, of the Day Line, licensed to carry 5500 passengers. Compare it with the Half Moon.



The Robert Fulton, Another Giant Steamer of the Day Line. Compare this boat with the Clermont.



Greatest of the Day Line Boats.

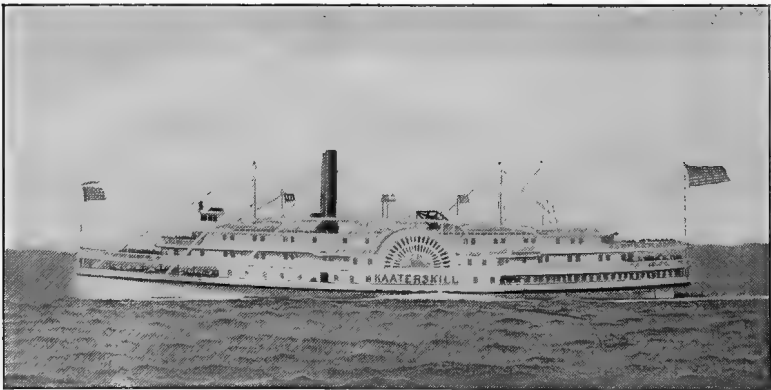
The "Washington Irving," Finest Inland Steamer in the World.

License, 6,000 passengers, and equipped with all modern improvements.

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The early Catskill steamboating shows Bogardus & Cooke, and probably members of the Day family were in business around 1800. Following came Donnelly, Cook & Co., F. N. Wilson after whom Wilson Fire Company is named, and William Wilson forming the Company. Then came the freighting firm of Penfield, Day and Co., Sherwood Day, Orrin Day and Samuel Penfield previous to 1812. Later the Penfield firm sold to Charles Beach, Isaac Pruyn and William Wilson, and about this time the steamboats, Frank and Washington were put on the line. The Wave, the Star, the Pratt and the Rip Van Winkle were the barges. The Frank was the first Catskill steamboat, the date of which is not certain. C. L. Beach & Co. owned the Utica, and afterwards the Thomas Powell and the Sunnyside, these boats were used by the government as transports during the 60's in the war period. Then came the firm of Cornell, Horton & Co., and Black & Donahue who changed the name of the company to The Catskill and New York Steamboat Co. They built the Catskill which was burned at Kingston. The Charlotte Vanderbilt another boat of the line was sunk by Belden's steam yacht the Yosemite.



The Stately Kaaterskill.

The stately Kaaterskill, and Onteora known as the River Queen and the commodious and beautiful Clermont have brought the line into favor and note.

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The McManus another well known boat of the company was burned as also was the Steamer Redfield, rated fine boats in their day. The Walter Brett went the route and was finally broken up by the wreckers. The Kaaterskill a grand boat with double decks of state rooms was a floating palace. After serving on the Catskill route she was taken to Albany and ran on the Capitol City Line until the fall of 1914 when she was taken to the wreckers at New London.

Another of the earlier boats was the General Sedgwick and the Escort, both being used in war times as transports.

While the company has been prosperous it has been unfortunate in the loss of so many fine boats worth a large some of money and has suffered a number of fires at their storehouses, the last one of three wiping out the large and completely filled storehouse on the dock at Catskill. They had also very severe fire losses at Hudson.



Onteora, Queen of the River, Fastest of Them All.

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Other boats familiar to Catskillians are the Eloise, formerly on the line between Catskill and Hudson, sold to New York parties and ran on the East river, and The Steamer Isabella still running on the Catskill Hudson route. This boat has been remodelled a number of times and is in fine shape.

In 1911 there was placed on the Catskill Evening line the freighter known as the Storm King, a commodious boat that is doing well.

The boats running between Catskill and Albany, have been the City of Hudson, a splendid boat, with shapely lines and very fast. This boat took the place of the Peter G. Coffin, and was destroyed by fire in the 80s. Then came the General, and the Ursula will be remembered as a beautiful propeller, and very popular. This boat made her last trips in 1913, and in 1914 near the close of the season the Phillips came on the line.



Isabella, Rounding the Hop-O-Nose.

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Among the men who have been connected with the company and who have always worked hard for the success of Catskill and Greene county as well, were Charles L. Rickerson, Edwin H. Snyder and George M. Snyder, the present head of the company being Charles M. Englis of Brooklyn. The Snyders and Mr. Rickerson passing away within the recollection of the writer. William J. Hughes has been treasurer of the company for a long term of years, and is regarded as one of the ablest men in his line in the state. As treasurer of Greene County for a number of years his work was of the highest character.



Isabella, Leaving Creek Dock.

We have not space to refer to the boats of many other lines. The Steamer Livingston has for many years been doing business between Saugerties and Athens, stopping at Catskill each way. Capt. Winans has been at the head of that enterprise. The Newburgh line boats, Martin and Tremper make regular landings at Catskill.

Among the old skippers who navigated the stormy waters of the deep sea were some of familiar name, though not of face. Capt. Van Loan, Barnet Du Bois, James Bogardus, Abram Post, Capt. Jacob Dunham, who had stories of adventure in the West Indies and capture by the pirates, for Catskill and Hudson were to be reckoned with, and Hudson in particular had her valiant tars chasing great whales in quest of that essential and useful commod-

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ity whalebone and whale oil. The steel trust has wiped out the whale bone trust, and the Standard oil magnates have put one over on the blubbering whale. Whale oil and tallow candles have had to pass from their positions, and it's just touch the button for light. There was old Admiral Drake, Captain Britton and Captam Hyde, who passed their log book tales of far off lands and terrible adventures, until they were looked upon as most remarkable men. Thurlow Weed, one of the great newspaper men of the state, and founder of the Albany Journal is said to have worked as a cabin boy on a Catskill sloop that belonged to Capt. Brommy Funda. In those days the Hudson furnished great sturgeon, and the fishermen frequently made hauls of thousands of herring and shad. Even down to the early 70s, it was not uncommon for great quantities of spoiled fish to be carried on the land as fertilizer.



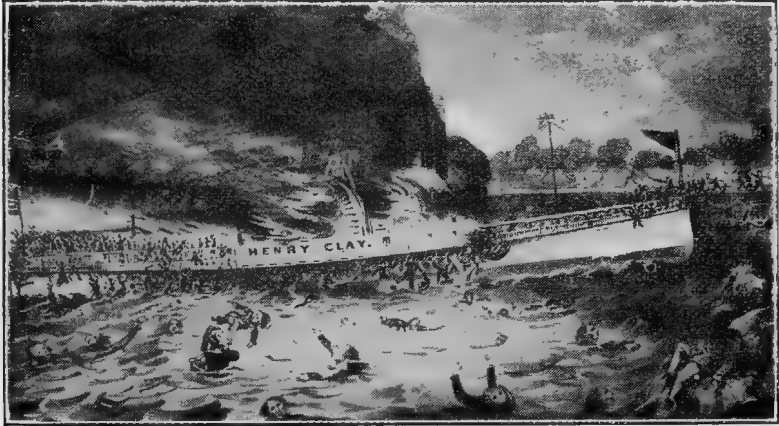
The Wreck of the Swallow.

Among the early steamboat disasters and the worst of them was the wreck of the Swallow which happened on the night of April 17th, 1845, while on her way from Albany to New York. Opposite the village of Athens the boat struck a rock, since removed by the government, and broke in two. Over 40 persons were drowned.



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The Wreck of the Henry Clay.

- On Wednesday afternoon July 26, 1852 the Henry Clay was destroyed by fire near Yonkers, while making a regular trip. Nearly 100 persons are supposed to have perished. Some were burned and others drowned.

We are able to show two fairly good representations of these early disasters.

Last September a New York man with a 40 foot steamboat came into the Catskill creek and started to sail right on to Oak Hill. He was hailed at the bridge and replied that he had a map showing that he could go right on. He did, but just beyond the railroad bridge he went on the rocks.

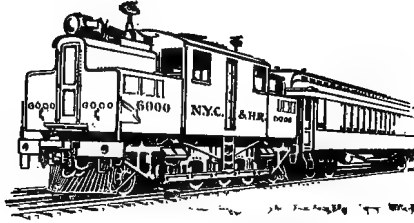
Capt. Isaac VanLoan was owner of the sloop Delaware, which in 1818 was one of the speed boats on the Hudson between Catskill and New York city.

Of Captain Joseph Allen it is narrated that verging on 80 years of age, one day he had a heated argument with one Wm. Pullen, and Pullen was forcibly ejected from Allens' premises. Allen explained that Pullen called him a d— old liar and he threw him off the stoop.

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## The Railroads, Early and Modern



The New York Central's New High Speed 97 Ton Electric Engine.

In 1825 Wood in his article on railroads says:

"Nothing can do more harm to the adoption of railroads than the promulgation of such nonsense as that we shall see locomotive engines traveling at the rate of 12 miles an hour."

Mr. Wood should see the Chicago through trains pass Catskill on their 20 hour schedule at 60 miles and more an hour, or some likely aeroplane like Glen Curtis's going down the Hudson river at 100 miles an hour.

So far as the early railroads were concerned, the Catskill and Ithaca road was simply projected.

The Catskill and Canajoharie was built to Cooksburgh in 1838. It was a failure, as the engine wouldn't work. The state pledged \$200,000 toward the construction. The Catskill Bank bought it for \$11,000 and sold to Hiram VanSteenburgh who took up the iron for junk and made some money out of it.

Coxsackie and Schenectady—never built.

Schenectady and Catskill—never built.

The Saratoga and Hudson River Road was built and some of its grade may be seen today. It had a terminal at Athens and great promise. Daniel Drew the steamboat man sold it in 1867 to the Central and they abandoned it.

The West Shore railroad opened for business in 1882.

The Stony Clove road was opened in 1882.

The Catskill Mountain Railroad also in 1882,

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The Kaaterskill Railroad in 1883.

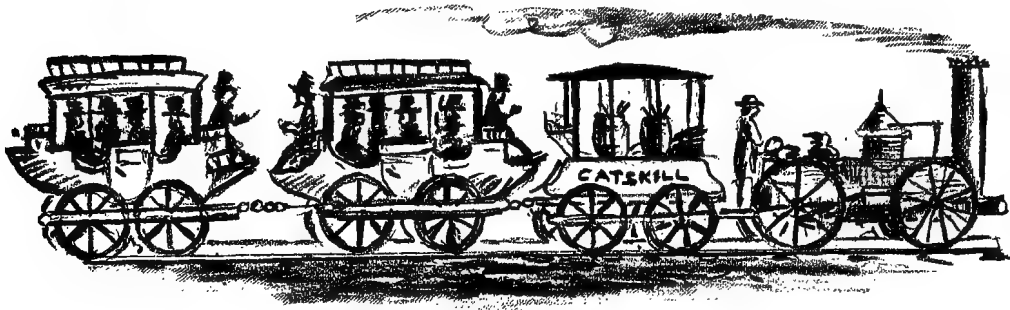
The Tannersville railroad in 1892.

The Otis Elevated Railroad August 4th, 1892.

The South Cairo and East Durham road—never built.

Several trolley roads were projected but never built, though work was started on one from Coxsackie to Greenville, and some work was done on the Catskill to Oneonta line.

The Catskill street railroad was built in 1890 and finished to Leeds in 1892. At the present it is being operated by a receiver for the second time. Among the men who have spent large sums to make the road a success are F. N. Du Bois, H. C. Cowan, and William P. Fiero, former senator, now deceased.



The First Railroad Train in Greene County.

It may be interesting to note that the Catskill Canajoharie railroad was along with a number of other roads an expensive proposition for the state. The state loaned \$3,478,000 to the building of six railroads, and the Catskill road got \$100,000. The roads were all failures and the state lost \$1,000,000 in the enterprises. The capital stock of the Catskill road was \$1,000,000 and no one knows what it cost. The Albany-Schenectady road built about the same time, 17 miles, cost \$1,711,412 and the Catskill road was built to Cooksburgh, 26 miles. It is a fact that the first 300 miles of railroad cost over \$15,000,000. And nobody ever said the stock was watered. Even the Erie railroad was unable to pay its interest and had to be advertised for sale. The Ithaca road brought \$4500. The Catskill road, as we have stated, \$11,000.

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We are indebted to Mrs. Benjamin Wiltse for the illustration of the locomotive and the coach passenger cars that ran on the Catskill-Canajoharie road in 1838. The train had a very busy time and every coach was loaded. This train passed the foundry of Benjamin Wiltse every day during the time the road was in operation, and Mr. Wiltse who is remembered by many persons in Catskill as one of the pioneers of early business enterprise of Catskill, was the inventor of an arrangement whereby sand was spilled on the track of the road ahead of the wheels of the coaches for the purpose of preventing their slipping. The locomotive burned wood and this was carried in a tender with a couple of barrels that supplied water, and stops were made along the line to get water or wood when needed. The cars were modeled after the old stage coach of the wild west pattern, and the wheels were flanged to keep them from leaving the tracks. From 12 to 18 people could be accommodated in each coach. William Layman of Catskill one of the old time Methodists was the engineer of this road and Wm. Layman not only managed to get all the speed possible out of the locomotive, but he was also the owner of one of the fast equines that have been known to have been the undoing of good Methodists. And he was not altogether adverse to permitting his horse to show heels even on the Sabbath, daring to indulge in a horse race on Main street.

Early one Sunday morning he had the temerity to get the best of another nag that had been known to travel fast, and good Brother Humphrey, whom some will remember, promptly rose up, and admonished Layman on the error of his ways, and the sin of horse trotting.

But this only served to stir up Brother Layman, and with the result that Brother Humphrey declared that he would have him churched, and made a complaint, which resulted in a trial before that august body of early ecclesiasts. Brother Layman won out. It was the vote of Benjamin Wiltse which turned the scale, and when he argued that he was a great lover of a horse, and that even a trustee of a church wasn't to blame if his horse chirked up a bit when some old plug tried to pass him, it was an argument that was irresistible. Alfred Foote is said to have been

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on the side on Mr. Wiltse. Mr. Wiltse was during most of his life a class leader and official of the church, and to his last day treasured the tickets of early members of his class. In no other way than by these tickets could members of the church get into the love feasts of the church.



The Otis Elevating Railroad.

The Otis Elevating Railroad was considered one of the most remarkable pieces of engineering in the world at the time it was built. By means of a cable over one mile in length the cars are drawn to the summit of the mountain, an elevation of 1600 feet in ten minutes. The hoisting being by means of a great stationary engine at Otis Summit. The cars pass over a tramway with several very high trestles. There are stations at Otis Junction and also at Otis Summit. The cars are equipped with automatic clutches which operate in case of a break in the cable. Charles L. Ricker-son was the first superintendent of this road and also of the

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Tannersville Railroad, opened the year following the completion of the Otis Ry. Allen Banks was the engineer, being succeeded by William Driscoll, who is the present engineer. This road cost about \$275,000 and has been practically rebuilt.

The Catskill Mountain Railroad was built to open up the Mountain section and operates to Palenville, Cairo, Leeds, South Cairo, Lawrenceville, and the Mountain House or Otis Summit, Haines Falls and Tannersville, in connection with the Otis and Tannersville Rys. John L. Driscoll was the first Superintendent for many years. Charles A. Beach followed, up to the time of his death, when Thomas E. Jones was elected to the vacancy. John T. Mann and the Beaches were the projectors of the road.



View on Catskill Mountain Railroad, in Austin's,  
Nature's Greatest Glen.

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The West Shore Railroad Company has valuable property at Catskill and spent a large amount two years ago in order to obviate the crossing the tracks to get to the depot. Probably more than \$100,000. The new depot is a beautiful structure and cost about \$25,000. This replaced the old depot that was destroyed by fire. In making these improvements the store house of Salisbury and Austin was torn down and moved to another location. Forty feet of embankment was cut away for a quarter of a mile and new tracks laid. The bridge at Catskill is 90 feet above tide water and 1300 feet long. It was a marvel of engineering skill. It was rebuilt without the loss of a single trip by any train.



West Shore Depot, Catskill.

The first station and freight agent at Catskill was W. E. Torrey. He was succeeded by O. A. Freer who after 16 years is still at the head of the freight department.

The several passenger agents have been Robert Welsh, F. R. Gallagher, J. N. Bell, John Garrigan and E. E. Woodruff, who is still selling tickets, after 14 years of service. James Mc Nee has been in the baggage department over 8 years. The old depot was burned Dec. 6, 1909, and the new depot was opened June 6, 1912. After the fire in 2 days time a temporary depot was built.

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### County Highways

The original roads in Greene county were simply trails over which Indian tribes traced their way. With Catskill, Athens and Coxsackie as starting points the early settlers found their way into the interior and made settlements reaching as far as the Delaware and Susquehanna rivers. Later on came the wagon roads and turnpike roads and still later the state and county built roads. Even at the present time these roads are in process of perfection, as to methods and materials to make them lasting.

Great progress in the right direction is being made by the highway department of the state, and a second installment of \$50,000,000 is being used, of which Greene county, thanks to her efficient boards of supervisors, and other officials, is getting a very considerable portion.



Old Toll Gate, Entrance to Clove Road.

With the active co-operation of Hon. John B. Riley, State Superintendent of Prisons, the experiment is being tried of utilizing convict labor in the building and maintenance of this and other county highways, and a convict camp has been established





Convicts' Camp at Palenville, Showing Men at Work on the New Clove Road.



The Beautiful Concrete Bridge at Catskill.

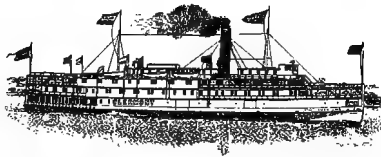
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We are indebted to Clerk VanValkenburgh for the following figures of roads built and under process of construction in Greene county.

| Completed Roads            |       |             |            |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------|------------|
| Name of Road               | Miles | Total Cost. | Cost Mile. |
| Catskill-South Cairo       | 5.6   | \$58,721.30 | \$10,486   |
| Greenville-Coxsackie No 2  | 5.56  | 67,298.02   | 12,103     |
| Greenville-Coxsackie No. 1 | 4.63  | 57,436.19   | 12,432     |
| Hunter-Windham No. 2       | 3.39  | 37,390.96   | 13,980     |
| Lexington-Prattsville      | 4.13  | 55,847.00   | 13,300     |
| South Cairo-Cairo          | 3.15  | 35,911.91   | 11,401     |
| Cairo Hamlet               | 0.46  | 5,600.00*   | 12,180     |
| Saugerties-Catskill No. 3  | 1.94  | 31,876.07   | 16,603     |
| Saugerties-Catskill No. 2  | 3.87  | 54,950.00   | 14,190     |
| Hunter-Jewett Center       | 6.13  | 102,888.30  | 16,780     |
| Hunter-Windham             | 6.27  | 83,644.15   | 13,340     |
| Cairo-Windham No. 1        | 3.39  | 42,556.00   | 12,550     |
| Catskill Village           | 1.97  | 15,555.00   | 7,980      |
| Paving West Bridge Street  | 0.23  | 13,500      |            |
| Catskill-Athens            | 5.97  | 78,452.50   | 13,140     |
| Athens-Coxsackie           | 4.06  | 46,000.00   | 11,330     |
| Coxsackie Village          | 2.21  | 15,100.00   | 6,830      |
| Coxsackie-Ravena No. 1     | 4.62  | 54,359.60   | 11,760     |
| Coxsackie-Ravena No. 2     | 2.7   | 31,254.62   | 11,570     |
| Palenville-Haines Falls    | 4.    | 190,000.00  |            |

Ashland road under construction, also road between Athens, Prattsville and Grand Gorge.

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|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Greene County's share of second bond issue | \$565,000 |
| Two-fifths for State Highways              | 226,000   |



Steamer Clermont of the Catskill Evening Line.

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The Famous Old Leeds Bridge. Erected in the Early 1700's. Date Very Uncertain.

## Threads of the History Fabric

The publishers of this work might well be accused of slighting the subject if they failed to mention as concisely as possible some of the well worn threads that have formed a part of history-fabric concerning the very remote period. Some of these have come to be regarded in the light of fable possibly, but they can be had at your estimation of them. A gun, two shirts which appear to have been a valuable commodity, an iron kettle and whiskey and rum—not so much rum, but just enough—appears to have formed the good and sufficient collateral for which a large part of the land adjoining the Hudson river was acquired. Men of today and some Indians would still be willing to take on some of the rum if not the second hand shirts, at times for something that is worth more. And Gysbert unt der Bogert, a forerunner of many well trained Bogarts and Vandebogarts is said to have made this first purchase. One of these men Jean unten Bogart is said to have been a minister. So it took the Dutch to beat the Indians, even as now the Dutch have faculty of getting in first.

It was the Dutch settlers who left us the pleasentries of Bomptje Hook, Hans Vossen Kill, Embocght, which to say the least are far easier to handle than the many keeks that the Indians bequeathed to them and of which we still have some. There was the Wachachkeek, the Wichquanchtekak, the Patchquaik and the Assiskowachkeek, and the Potikeek, and we are reminded that the latter is the source from which illustrious Catskillians will get the aqua that will quench thirst as well as the Dutch rum did.

Bogart got rid of his lands in 1703 to his son-in-law Helmer Janse and after that John Lindsey got them and they became the Lindsey patent. There were five houses in that patent. The inn of Peter Schutt, grandfather of L. P. Schutt, below Catskill, the house of Egbert Bogardus, near what is now head of Main street, Catskill, a house near what is now the DuBois drug store, the residence of the historical Madam Dise, 1768, near the continuous kiln of the brick company. This brave old structure was very sightly and regarded as a mansion. Johannes Van Gorden had a

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house at Femmen Hook, now the headquarters of the brave fire laddies of Bomptje Hook, now known as the Point.



Joseph Reilly Custodian of Bomptje Hook.

The Fitzsimmons, Gavigans, O'Briens, Delmores, Quinns, and others not so Dutch, have taken sway at the Point however, and the region along Water street lack in characters of great note. Joseph Reilly, the custodian of the fortunes of that section and greater Catskill being the most notable.

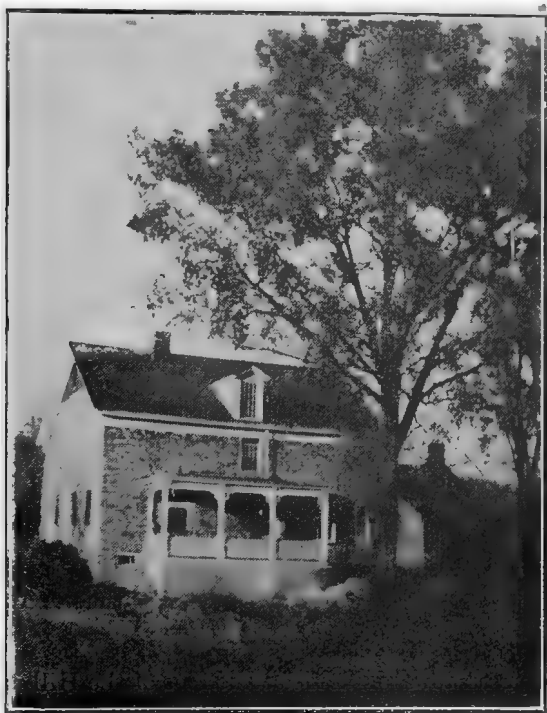
Through the courtesy of Paul R. Morrison we are able to present a splendid half tone of the Old Stone Jug, so that we have views of the first five houses in Greene county. Madam Dise, the owner of this old land mark, passed away within its walls in 1768 at the age of 78 years. She was regarded as a most remarkable woman, benevolent and very pious, though she was married to a man who was shiftless, and dissolute, being addicted to the use of strong drink. The old house was regarded with reverence by the earlier natives, and when it was torn down it was supposed that

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all sorts of valuables would be found stored away in hidden places, but beyond a few coins nothing was discovered. The old crockery and old furnishings were scattered among relic hunters. Madam Dise was the daughter of one Gillett, a Hollander, and related to one of the early governors of the State of New York. We believe that she was also related to F. N. DuBois, tracing back on his mother's side of the family.

The last resident of the place was Kitty Hopkins.



The Van Vechten House, Catskill.

On the Van Vechten patent, Indians, Van Schaacks, Van Vechtens, Van Bremens, Spiegels, and other Dutchmen tilled the soil.

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The Corlaers Kill Patent had more Van Vechtens, Bronks, Salisburys, and Van Bergens, whose generations remain. There were some five houses on this patent of which one building belonging to the Van Vechtens was a grist mill, the Rushmore mill.

Another of the famous old houses of Greene county is located on Jefferson Heights, on what is known as the Prindle Place. The house is a combination of brick and stone, and was erected by the Rev. Schueman in 1768. The bricks in the structure were made by slaves employed on the place, and most of the bricks came from the pond which forms a part of the cemetery. The house still contains the old brick bake oven, and this has been in use by the Prindles since they have occupied the place, which has been in the possession of William Prindle since 1856. One of the rooms was known as the spinning room, and here the darkies made the cloth used in making sheets and clothing. For a time Addison P. Jones owned the property. It was occupied by Peter Carl for 21 years, and William Salisbury lived there for 6 years.



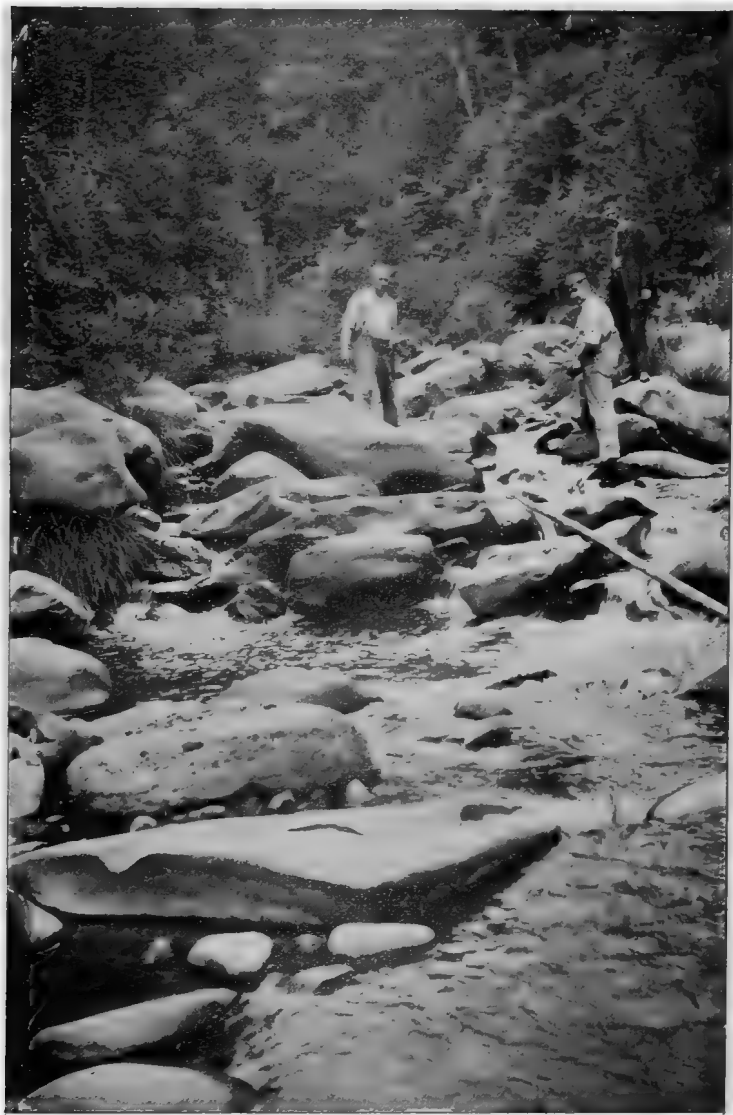
The Old Mill in the Glen.

Going on towards Leeds at the foot of the Hill is the Abner Austin House, and this house was patterned after the Old Stone Jug. Old in appearance it was built in 1855. It was built on the property which comprised the mill in the glen. The old mill was erected in 1808 by Abner Austin, and was torn down in 1903, because it was a menace to those who visited it. The store house was transformed by Carleton Austin into two fine little cottages.



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In the Clove, Line of State Road.



Cairo, N.Y., Jan. 18, 1915

Friend Gallt:

A sport came in one day claiming that a large trout broke an 18 lb. line for him. I showed him an old No. 7 Empire City Enameled Silk line which we tested at 5 lbs. Told him I could land the largest trout in the country on it. Some time after as we were starting for Potick Creek for big ones, I thought of my assertion and put that line on my rod. (which weighs 9 ounces) I used single leader and No. 2 Sneek Single Hook.

I hooked the fish about 9 p. m. and brought him on a three quarter pound strain. Twice when he went to the bottom to rest I may have lifted one pound to start him up. Twice I led him to shore but he recovered and went out again. The third time I landed him by slipping my finger through the gill and thumb in mouth. The first flop he nearly got away, twisting my fingers and hand. Time of fight one hour. He weighed 8 lbs. Brown trout, 29 inches in en .

Yours Truly,  
W. Burr Hall.



The Big Steam Roller Doing State Road Work on Nearby Road.

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### The Dubois' and Overbaughs

We have gone at length into the history of the Du Bois family, because their generations have been the men and women who have made up very largely the history not only of Catskill, but also Greene county, and the surrounding counties, and thus extending are practically all over the entire country.

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Louis DuBois born in 1626, at Wicres, France, a Huguenot refugee, landed at New Amsterdam in 1660, and there were then 200 houses scattered over Manhattan island and in all 1400 population. There was a fort and an old Dutch church, a wind mill and the virgin forests. Broadway was then Heere Straat, the Lord street.

The town had an inn keeper, a captain of the militia, Martin Kregiere, and the Rev. Megapoliensis dispensed the gospel in Dutch. There were many other refugees.

The DuBoises left NewAmsterdam (New York), found their way up the Hudson an a sloop, landing after many days in the "Esopus Country" sailing up the Rondout Creek. Others of the party went on to Saugerties.

Louis Du Bois took up his home at Wiltwyck, now Kingston, or at Hurley, and here his wife and three children were taken captives by the Indians, who destroyed Hurley, 1663. He helped to build the first church and the second and the third at Kingston.

The Indians wiped out Wiltwyck, the dead laying as sheaves behind the mower, 12 women and 31 children were carried away. The church was spared.

A Wappinger Indian who had been captured was impressed to guide a party of soldiers who went to the rescue of the captives. 45 men, and Louis Du Bois was among the number. The party started July 4 and on September 5 came up with the Indians. There was a bloody fight and the prisoners were recovered. Mrs. Du Bois was tied to a tree and surrounded with faggots and was singing hymns as a prelude to being burned to death. It was his descendents who came to Catskill. A great family it appears to have been,

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The Rev. Anson Du Bois was a member of the old Leeds Dutch church and became a preacher of note, being located at Kingston as pastor in 1854, and was also ordained as a home missionary by the Classis of Greene, subsequently he was located at Flatlands, L. I.

We are able to show a very good picture of him, as also of several other early members of the Du Bois family who have achieved distinction.

Peter Du Bois was buried at Fishkill in 1837, and his generations are all over the country.

Cornelius Du Boise of whom we are able to show a picture became very wealthy and devoted his life to the relief of suffering humanity. He was one of the founders of the Humane Society, New York in 1787, and was an official of the house of refuge, New York City Hospital, Mariners Society, Eye Infirmary, Pauperism Society and of the chamber of commerce and many banks. He died in 1846.

Capt. Theodore Du Bois of whom we also present a portrait, was lieutenant commander of the Albatross which formed a part of Faragut's fleet and passed the batteries at Port Hudson. He was commander of the Suffolk which laid the cable to the West Indies.

Of Benjamin Du Bois of Catskill we learn that he was not only the owner of all Catskill, but that he was one of the original members of the Dutch Church in Catskill formed in 1732 and was a deacon, under pastor Geo. M. Weiss. Over the Dutch church at Caatsban, built in 1732, is carved the names of Benjamin, Solomon and Huybartus Du Bois. He was very religious. He was also a Colonel of state troops and served in the Champlain, Mohawk Valley, Schoharie and other campaigns. The Indians one night determined to capture him but were deterred. He celebrated at his home the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. His son, Grant Du Bois was a missionary in the employ of the American Tract Society, 1836-53. Cornelius, another son was a scout under Tim Murphy the Indian fighter. He built the old block house on the Shafer farm at Schoharie.

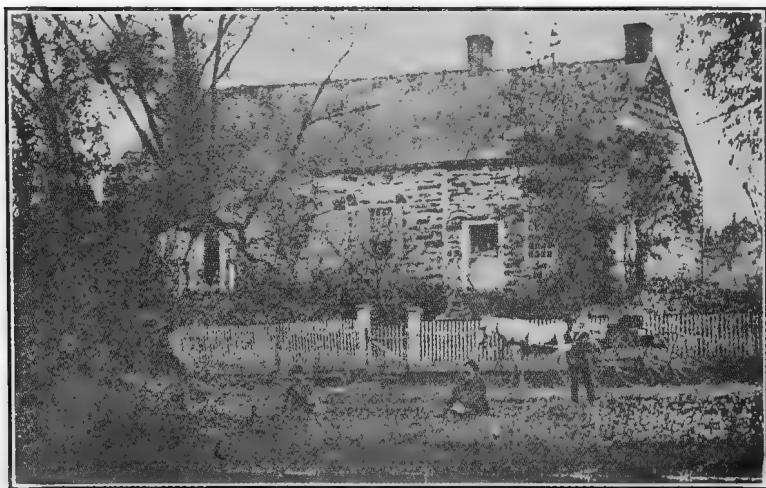
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Of Isaac Du Bois we are told that he built the court house in 1812.

Ira DuBois in 1830 founded the Catskill Messenger later changed to Catskill Examiner.

Joel DuBois served in the revolution and lived at Kiskatom. He was regarded as the strongest man in the section, and of enormous physique.



Du Bois House, Catskill. Torn Down 1911.

The Loveridge Patent 1770 comprised five lots.

Lot 1, commenced on the Catskill Creek opposite the old Stone Jug, and continued along the same to Catskill, 915 acres. On this section were the lands of Huybartus Du Bois, with the old stone house now occupied by Miss Josephine Hopkins, and Benjamin DuBois opposite and beyond the Salisbury mill. Here was another old stone house, erected 1730 by Benjamin Du Bois, and torn down in 1911. (See picture)

Lot 2, comprised 1575 acres. The line ran from the Plattekill in the Vly to the Catskill. Isaac Du Bois owned the river

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and creek front to the Dise place. Cornelius DuBois lands adjoined. There were the lands of Jurian Overbaugh in the Fvyke of Smith and three lots of Overbaugh.

Lot 3 adjoined lot 2 and ran from the Hudson river to the Caters-kill, 1515 acres. On this were the Fieros, at Caters-kill, Trumpbours, Saxes, Spahns and Bergers.

Lot 4, adjoined and ran from the Abeel place in Caters-kill to the end or point of the Vly on the Hudson river, containing 1415 acres. Milligan occupied the Streeke, Van Orden Dumond and two families of Van Ordens occupied the balance of the land.

Lot Number 5 adjoined and ran from the Quastawicknaack and Cauterskill to Maquas Hook on the Hudson, 1215 acres. Dedrick, occupied a section on the Kings road; Martin, Person and Van Vechten occupied the balance.



The old deed was signed by eight Indians: Wannachatquatin, Mamanuchaqua, Cunpaer, Unsawanneck, Wanninmauwa, Tawwequannis, Anneke.

Natekimoot.

This Deed to Wm. Loveirdge 1866, and recorded in the county of Albany, and is from "Thomas

We are indebted to Robert F. Story of Catskill for a picture of Madam Jane Dise, wife of Major John Dise of the English army who owned the old Stone Jug, one of the first five houses in Greene County. This picture was taken at the time Mrs. Dise was about 16 years of age, and hence is nearly 200 years old. The picture from which our copy is taken is an oil painting in splendid preservation as to color, canvass and frame, a full length portrait, two thirds life size. It was purchased by Mr. Story at the time the property was sold, and is one of the most valuable relics of the early colonial times. To Mr. Story we are also indebted for interesting facts in regard to the early residents of the Catskill section of the Loveridge Patent, as the descendents of these early families make up the generations of Catskill and Greene as well as other counties.



The Old Du Bois Place at the Point, Re-modeled by Frederick Nelson Du Bois.  
One of the First Houses on Linzey Patent.

Present residence of Mr. Du Bois. Cottage of Person, Barns, Storage, Residence of Mrs. Abeel top of hill  
at Right, Yacht Rascal of Samuel C. Hopkins in Creek.



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It is interesting to note in regard to the old deed that we referred to on page 111 that it was signed "Thomas Dongan, Capt General, Governor in Chief and Vice Admiral of the Province of New York under his Majesty, James the II. King of England, Ireland, Scotland and France, and Defender of the Faith."

A part of the consideration was the payment of 200 merchantable beavers. And there are no more beavers in Greene county., Possibly Loveridge got them all.



Capt. Theodore DuBois.

In the inventory of the personal property of Benjamin Du Bois is listed "One negro girl and a pair of andirons 36 pounds

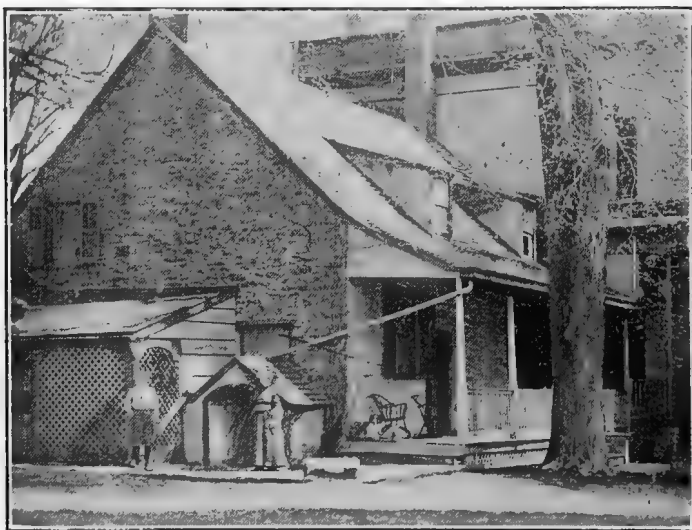
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and 10 shillings. Two negro boys at 50 and 30 pounds. A flax break, smothering iron, slice, 1 schipple, landthorn, 2 trammels hatchet, chamber pot, a weaver's loom, spinning wheels and reels. All these articles practically unknown today. This list was made in 1797.

Louis Du Bois first in America was born at Wicres, near Lille, France, 1626, came to America in 1660, located at Kingston, was father of 10 children. Solomon came to Catskill in 1759.

Benjamin Du Bois settled at Catskill 1727, and in 1762 built the old house still standing near the town bridge. (See picture)



The Benjamin Du Bois House.

Of the second generation at Catskill, Sarah Du Bois married Pietrus Overbaugh. Children, Benjamin Overbaugh, and Catherine Overbaugh.

Solomon Du Bois lived in the old house at Catskill (1730) and had two children. On the grave of his wife is the inscription "Anno 1778, Merte, 27, is mein vrow in Den Heerin outslappen" Translation: March 27, 1778. "Now is my wife sleeping in the Lord".

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The will of Huybartus Du Bois in 1806 witnessed by Barent Du Bois, John Bogardus and Egbert Bogardus, Dorrance Kirkland being Surrogate, probated the will in 1809.



Colonel Cornelius Du Bois.

Isaac DuBois took possession of the Hopnose farm in 1762. Joel Du Bois served during the revolution in the regiment of his uncle, Cornelius, which was stationed in the Mohawk valley. The Du Bois cottage of that date is the old homestead now owned by F. N. Du Bois and has always been in the possession of the family. It has been remodeled and is a most beautiful structure. A celebration of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis took place within the

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walls of the old mansion. Col. Anthony Van Bergen of Coxsackie, and Capt. Samuel Van Vechten served with Lieut. Col. Cornelius Du Bois. A Block House at Cobleskill was called Du Bois Fort after Cornelius.

After the death of Isaac Du Bois his son John occupied and held the place for 45 years, then John D. Du Bois, and then Jacob Van Orden 1859, then the Whittakers and then F. N. Du Bois.



Rev. Benjamin Du Bois.

The children of Solomon Du Bois were Benjamin, Catelientie Sarah and Rachel, who never married and died at age 99 years.

Catelientie married Edward Whittaker, and had 6 children, Solomon, Henry, William, Benjamin, Margaret and Joel.

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Sarah married Barent S. Salisbury. He was a prominent American officer of the Revolution, being in the battles of Germantown and Monmouth.

The children of Huybartus Du Bois were John, who married Caty Dise, daughter of Madam Jane Dise. Treintje married Gosie Hermance 1st and had four children, Lana, John, Polly and Rachel. Polly married Ira Canfield. Rachel married Benjamin Sole. Treintje married Michael Phillips for her second husband.

Treintje had for her third husband John Du Bois a cousin, and lived with him 23 years at the Point.

Rachel Du Bois married Abram Hoffman and had 6 children.

Lana Du Bois married Abram Elmendorf, and had two children, Annatje and Huybartus.

Lidia married John Sole. Issue Huybartus Sole.

Geertrey Du Bois married but the record is missing.

Catharinetje Du Bois married Peter Bogardus and had three children. Egbert, Catty and Sally. Egbert was most of his life collector of taxes in Catskill.

Barent Du Bois was a scout, under Generals, Sullivan, Hand and Lafayette. Served with Murphy the Indian fighter.

Arraeynnje Du Bois married John Mallory. Abraham married Jennie Grant of Stamford. Annatje married Joel Du Bois.

Kana Du Bois married Abram Fonda, and had 4 children, of whom Lana married Gen. Wm. Salisbury. Of her children Cateline married Rachel Dewey. Rachel married Lewis Bennan. Ebellena married Henry Du Bois. And Helen Salisbury married Elbert Reed.

Achie Du Bois married Jacobus Bogardus, and had four children, of whom Jannett married John M. Donnelly, a prominent Catskill merchant 1842, and Betsey married Dr. Jacob Greene.

That record brings us to the 6th generation in America. In which the families named are: Du Bois, Whittakers, 4 generations Peter Eckler, William, Margaret and Benjamin Eckler, the Elys, Fieros, Goodwins, Darts, Hallenbecks, Van Loans,

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Barent Du Bois was Indian agent for the government.  
Samuel Du Bois was sheriff of Greene county.

The generations of Abraham Du Bois were mostly in Delaware county.

Col. John Du Bois married sisters, Catty and Jeannette, daughters of Jane Dies. His children were John D. father of Frederick N. Du Bois, owner of the old homestead and who presented Catskill with the Y. M. C. A. building. Jeannette, James, Catherine, Ira, Joel, Isaac and Lanah. Jeannette married Cornelius Du Bois. Catherine married Oliver Ashley. Marcia Ashley married David Becker, and Libbie Becker married Johnathan Palen, who ran the tannery at Palenville around the 1830's.

Ira DuBois founded the Catskill Messenger, now Examiner.  
Joel Du Bois married Sally Hunter.

Isaac Du Bois married Catherine Hunter. He was justice at Kiskatom over 20 years.

Jeannette Hunter married Cornelius M. Abeel at Kiskatom, Frances Hunter married Wm. Linzey.

Generations of Peter Du Bois and Catherine Van Orden, Benjamin, John P., Robert, Eliza, James, Mary, Edwin, Rhoda and Cornelius. Cornelius became captain of the 53d Colored Inf. and served through the rebellion. He conducted the Pine Grove house, Palenville, up to the time of his death in 1913.

Ellen Du Bois married Isaac North. Emma married the Rev. O. Van Kuren, Joseph Allen married Julia Teator. Mary married Col. B. B. G. Stone the artist of Catskill.

Grant Du Bois married Catherine Lamouree. Isaac married Cathrine Van Voris.

The children of John D. Du Bois were Lewis, Philo, Ann Jeannette, William, James, Addison and Frederick Nelson.

Ann married Peter Whittaker, Mary married Henry Van Gorden.

Johan Peter Overbaugh settled at KayKout in 1722, and died in 1732, being buried on the East side of the KayKout in the

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cemetery on the Everts place below Catskill. This is said to be the first and oldest tombstone so far as the records show. His sons were two, Johanis and Johan Jurry. Johanis had four children, Marytje who married Peter Snyder. Catherine who married Godfrey Brandow, Annatje who married Gystrect Osterhout, Elizabeth who married Johannas Dederick.

Johan Jurry married Catherine Smith, and his son Johan jr. married Hannah Conyes, grandmother to Mrs. F. N. Du Bois, and also of Robert Story's mother. Their children were Frederick Jacob, William, Rebecca, (mother of Nelson DuBois) Hannah and Rachel.

Frederick Overbaugh married first Catherine Mallory, 2d Hannah Overbaugh a cousin. Jane Overbaugh married Francis Story, whom many Catskillians remember and one of Catskill's foremost residents. Their children were Anna J., Robert F., John James, Frederick, Margaret, Martha, Francis, Bella and Jacob, all of whom are dead excepting Robert F. Story, many years loan commissioner, and Martha.

The extent of these generations is quite remarkable.

The Van Ordens and Overbaghs appear to have lived well and increased on the Loveridge lands from the Revolutionary period to the present time, and the Persons, and Posts have filled their generations and survive. Ignatius Van Orden served in Col. Van Bergen's regiment in the revolution.

The first tax list showed that in 1786 there was collected 61 pounds, \$240 and that 16 persons paid all the tax.

The Patron's store at Kiskatom is the oldest frame building standing and dates into the revolutionary period. Another frame building on the Godwin place near by was blown down a few years ago.

The Catskill patent taking in Leeds and the Potic region had several nations of Indians. more Dutch of whom the Bronks, Van Bergens, Van Deusens, Salisburys, Vedders, Van Vechtens and Whitbeck were the chief residents. There were five nations of Indians, Delawares, Mohicans, Penacooks, Nanticokes etc., and recently the moving picture people made in this section pictures covering Cooper's Last of The Mohicans.

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A Picturesque Spot Along the Cauterskill.



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The Salisbury House built in 1705, is still standing, having been remodeled somewhat. It was famous for its age and also for the number of antiques of great value that its owners treasured. These were disposed of a few years ago and passed into the hands of speculators and treasure hunters, the descendents of the late Claudius VanDeusen getting some of them. Some of the furniture badly broken brought remarkable prices. This house, the old stone bridge and the stone church made history for the pretty hamlet of Leeds. And descendents of the Colonial families remain. This strip of land continued south as far as High Falls, and west to Valje Kilje near the Wolcott mills.



The Falls at Woodstock.

Other settlers who came here to escape the privations of Palantinate were the Fieros, Webers, Newkirks and Sachs and Dominie Shuneman, whose grandchildren are said to state that his sermons were used by the negro servants to start fires in the kitchen of his tavern. He preached one Sunday in Old Catskill. And the next in Coxsackie. He carried a gun with him most the time. His remains are in the burial ground in Jefferson, where he was laid to rest at the age of 81 years, in 1794.

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The next minister George Michael Weiss also preached in Catskill and Coxsackie. His salary included house, garden and fire wood. The old church at Leeds, still standing, was built during his pastorate in 1798.

On the road from Leeds to Kaaterskill were three houses at this period, Jurry Planck, Garritt Van Bergen, and Gysbert Osterhoudt, and at Kaaterskill falls was a grist mill, and saw mill built in 1733, and near this mill was the old stone house built in 1730 and torn down in 1911.

The story of the capture of David and Anthony Abeel by the Indians lends some excitement to the chapter of 1780, as well as the plan that failed, to carry off Cornelius Du Bois then living in the old stone house now occupied by Josephine Hopkins in West Catskill.

In all this early history we fail to find the names or mention of physicians, and it may have been that there were none. It is certain that the men and their noble wives lived generally to the 80's and 90's and that they were in their meager circumstances generous, industrious and hard working men, who had piety written on their faces and enacted in their living. They had few if any laws and needed none. Even the old intoxicants appear not to have affected their even frame of mind.

Within a stone's throw of the second Catskill Mountain railroad bridge is the Van Vechten house, 1690 and just across the railroad tracks on the summit of a knoll shaded by trees of perhaps a century's growth is the burial lot of the Van Vechtens. The residence of which we are able to show a fine view, taken by the writer of this book, is in excellent repair and has not undergone much change. The old grave yard is practically as it appeared 100 years ago. Many of the stones are broken off and the others are pointing in various angles. The stones have been gathered from the adjoining lots, and are without any inscription some of them, and others chiseled out by the Van Vechtens without doubt. The trees have grown since the last interment, and one stone is enclosed in the growth of a tree and cracked in two

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pieces. At the entrance of this plot is a painted slab announcing that:



The Van Vechten Plot Today.

Direke Tunisse Van Vechten was born on the River Vecht, Holland.

A slab that is 24 inches in height and 6 inches at the top in breadth and about 9 at the bottom, an ordinary piece of blue stone, rough and ragged, announces:

W. V. Orden, Dyed 23 Oct. 1777.

There are 7 ordinary stones, small boulders that rise above the ground six or eight inches, other graves have no stones at all.

The last burial in this plot appears to have been John Van Vechten, in 1879, at the age of 93 years.

Others buried here whose graves are marked are Teunis Van Vechten and Judea, his wife, Jacob Van Vechten, Samuel Van

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Vechten, Eleanor, Anna and Catherine Van Vechten, Samuel Washington Van Vechten, William Schuneman Van Vechten.

On a slab in the old house is inscribed :

“In Memory of the seven brothers, all born in this house:”

William Washington Van Vechten born Jan. 13 1799, died August 25, 1845.

Teunis Samuel Van Vechten born Jan. 20, 1784, died Jan. 25, 1850.

Peter Van Vechten, born Feb. 15. 1794, died Aug. 29, 1854.

Jacob Van Vechten, born July 31, 1788, died Sept. 14, 1871.

John Van Vechten, born Nov. 24, 1785, died Feb. 3, 1879.

Abraham Van Vechten, born Oct. 12, 1791, died Sept. 29, 1885.

Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, born Aug. 4, 1786, died Jan. 18, 1875. Louisa Van Vechten, his wife born Aug. 30, 1803, died Jan. 18, 1875.

Catherine Van Vechten, born June 9, 1802, died Dec. 14, 1805.

Near the old house is a heavy granite monument announcing the place where the Indians and others forded the creek.

The old house is the property of a Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Knox of New York, and has many old treasures the curious are not allowed to see.

## VAN BERGEN HOUSE

In the year of 1678 Marte Gerritse Van Bergen and Silvester Salisbury, commander of the fort came down from Albany to purchase lands of the Catskill Indians.

A month later the bargain was concluded at the “Stadt-Huis” at Albany in the “presence of magistrates and Indians, and the “deed for the five great plains, and woodland for four miles around” near what is now known as Leeds, was signed by Mahak Ninimaw and his chiefs, “the purchase price, 300 guilders

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in wampum, several hundred ells of woolen cloth, ten blankets, ten fusees, ten axes and ten pairs of stockings.



Van Bergen House, Leeds.  
H. F. Vedder, Owner.

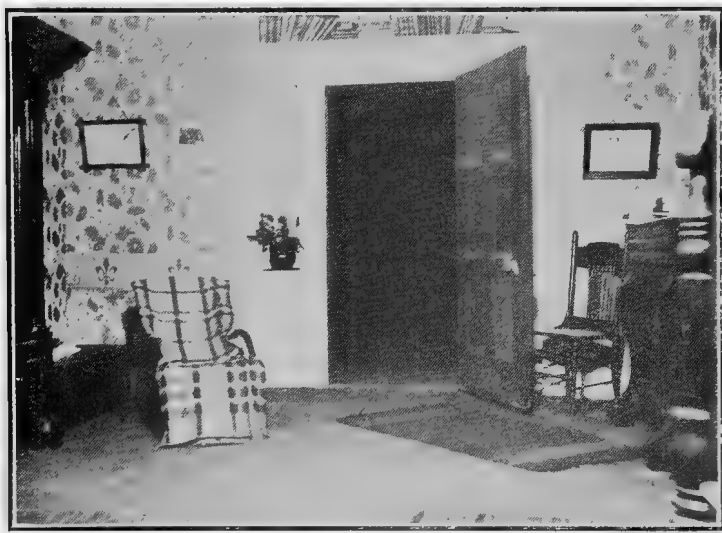


Interior of the Van Bergen House Today.

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Van Bergen in 1680 built a barn fifty feet square and a small house of stone on the semi-circle of, raised ground above the plain, the first buildings in "Old Katskill," excepting the log cabin of Jan Bronck. In those days Leeds was Catskill, "spelled



Interior of Van Bergen House, Leeds.

with a K, and Catskill, the "het-strand or landing."

Yeoman from Kingston and Coxsackie assisted in raising the heavy oaken frame of the barn, the timbers of which are still doing duty.

There is no record to fill a gap of 49 years, but in 1729 a 60 foot brick building was added to the one of stone. The first dwelling afterward used as a kitchen and place for slaves, was long since torn down. The latter "bears on its eastern wall" the initials of the builder, M. G. V. B., and date of building July 4th, 1729. Tradition saith the bricks were brought from Holland, some of which conform to the measurements of those made in that country. It was at the time of its building a story and a half high, with long narrow casement windows, with leaden sashed

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panes, double doors, and a hipped red-tiled roof, the oaken floor timbers measuring eighteen inches square.

The estate passed into the possession of Aaront Vedder of Schoharie, in 1774, and is still owned and occupied by his descendant, H. F. Vedder.



Parsonage of Rev. Schueman at Leeds 1786.

We are informed by one of the old residents of the Palenville section that within her recollection she heard old residents tell of a very considerable sized village located in the Clove near the camp of District Attorney Howard C. Wilbur where some of the old foundations are still to be found. The houses were occupied by men who worked in the old Tannery of Jonathan Palen, 1826, which employed a considerable number of men. There was a store, blacksmith shop, and in all about twenty dwellings.

One of the most interesting of the old frame buildings in Greene county is the old Britt, or Patron's Store, at Kiskatom. The building formerly was located near the bridge across the creek, but later on moved to the Corners. Just when it was erected no

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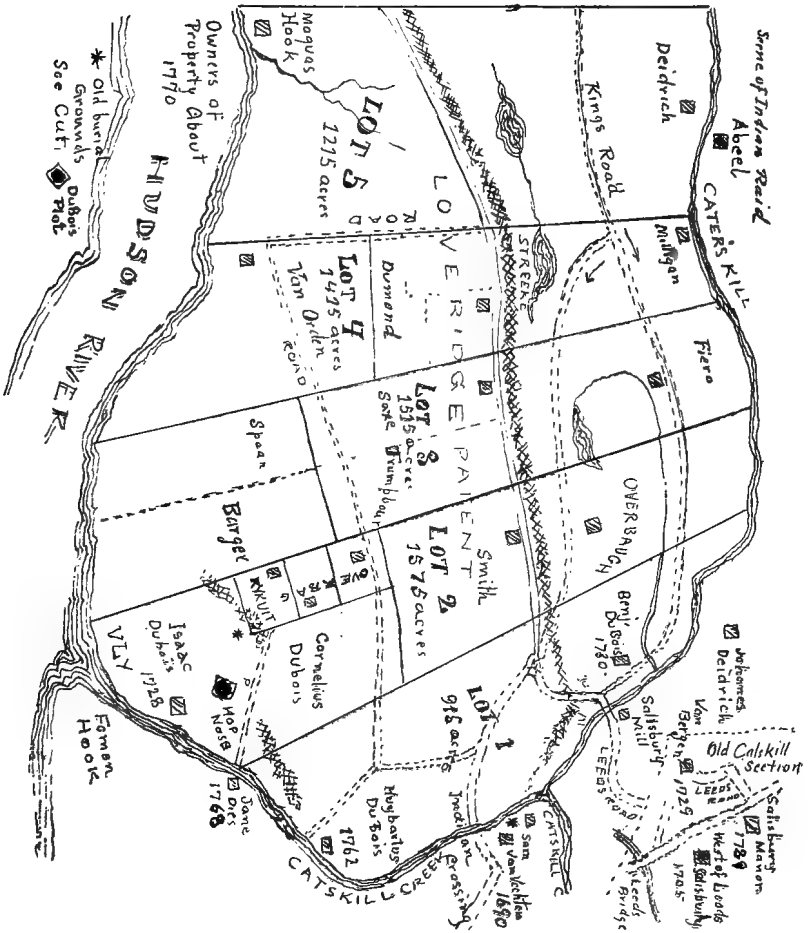


The Old Patron's Hall at Kiskatom, Showing Also Many Descendants of the Early Period.



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## MAP OF LOVERIDGE PATENT



Showing location of residents and houses about 1777. Also section at Leeds, formerly Old Catskill. Present value over \$2,500,000 estimated. Most of the Du Bois family are buried on ground marked Du Bois plot.

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one knows, but it was not far from 1800. An older building of stone was located where Mr. Charles Story now lives, and this was built in the early 1700's. The store building was the outcome of a trade that was first started by a pedlar who traveled with a sled and later with a wagon.



Group of Kiskatom Grangers, 1904.

John Bach Mc Master, an old writer covering the period of 1800, following the war, says that "there was great complaint of demoralization of morals that resulted from the war. That levity, profaneness, idle amusements and Sabbath breaking increased with fearful rapidity. Before the war nobody swore, nobody used cards. Now every lad is proficient in swearing and knows much of cards. Then apprentices and young folks kept the Sabbath and until sundown never left the house but to go to meeting. Now they go out more on the Sabbath than any other day of the week. They say it is better than sitting in church for two hours and hearing about hell."

Referring to religious custom of that period, "The minister would rise and read two lines of a psalm, the deacon would repeat

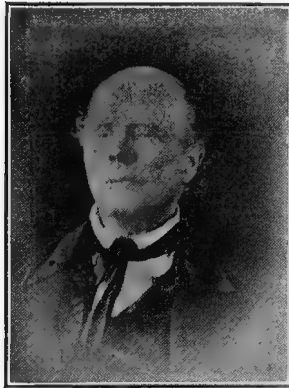
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them, the percenter would pitch a key and the congregation join in the hymn, very discordant. The prayer and a two hour sermon followed. There were no stoves. The worshippers came from distances of many miles.

The Sabbath commenced Saturday at sundown. Sunday at sundown work was resumed. There was a demand for a 36 hour Sunday but they did not get it.

Peter Schutt at one time had an Inn on the Saugerties road near the old stone house. Mrs. Legendre, one of his descendants, who lives in Catskill, informs us that she has often heard her grandfather tell of Indians visiting at this old Inn. Whether it was before or later that Peter Schutt ran the West Catskill Hotel we are unable to discover. At any rate he purchased a great tract of land, which at that time included the Kaaterskill falls lands and built the falls shanty.



Peter Schutt,

Peter V. Overbaugh also a grandfather of Mrs. Legendre was the owner of 800 acres of land and saw mills that subsequently passed to J. L. Schutt, father of Louis P. Schutt, who has been for years connected with boarding houses at Haines Falls, the Laurel House, Antlers, and other houses including the Inn, which he has been managing for the Twilight Park Company very successfully.

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KAATERSKILL FALLS.

Greatest Mountain Cascade.

Part of Great Section Owned by Peter Schutt.

## The Grand Old Bronks

Leonard Bronk, fifth in descent from Jonas Bronck, was born in Bronk House (still standing and occupied) on Bronk Patent, about two miles and a half west of Coxsackie village, May 11th, 1751 or 1752. His first ancestor in this country was Jonas Bronck of Westchester County, after whom Bronck's Manor, Bronck's River and Bronck's Borough were named, the ck's being changed to "x" on account of euphony.



A Type of the Hollander.

In 1639 Jonas Bronck, liberally educated and rich—with his friend Jochiem Pieterse Kuyter, a Danish officer—sailed in his own private armed vessel named the *Fire of Troy*, from Hoorn, Holland, taking their families, farmers, female servants and stock, for New Amsterdam, reaching that place in July, 1639. The arrival of the ship was hailed by the colony "as a great public good." Where Jonas Bronck came from originally is yet a matter of dispute.

He secured a "Grand Brief," a tract of land of 500 acres north of the Harlem River, and became the first white settler in that section. He was not content with the deed from the authori-

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ties of New Amsterdam, but in addition made an honest purchase from the Indian Sachem, Tackamack, and his associates.

The tract of land purchased by him was called by the Indians Ranachqua. It lay between the Harlem River and the river Abquahung, now known as the Bronx. Here Bronck made his improvements and began his life.

Of his life here we have but few details. We know this, Kuyter came and settled near him and delighted in his friendship. And we know this also, that the Indians trusted him, when they were suspicious of and at actual war with the New Amsterdam authorities.

Jonas Bronck died in 1643. He left a widow and one son, Pieter Jonassen Bronck. The widow married Arendt van Corlear, Sheriff of Rensselaerwick, and removed with him to Albany.

It was this Peter Bronck, the only son of Jonas, who in 1662 purchased from the Indians a tract of land and secured for it from the Dutch authorities what is known as Bronck's Patent.

On this patent by the terms of the grant, a house was built in 1663. Judge Leonard Bronk, said many years before he died that that part of the house was a good deal more than 200 years old. He died in 1872. The brick house was built in 1738. The date is cut in the foundation on the north side of the house. The kitchen extension was rebuilt in 1792.

The house, the mills and the land descended to his son Jan Bronck, and from the date of the original purchase the homestead and many acres of the original grant have never been out of the hands of the lineal descendants.

The immediate ancestor of Judge Leonard Bronk was John L. Bronk, who married Elsie van Buren. He inherited the old home and the traditions, and he was worthy of both. He was the most influential man in his section in his time. In 1770 he was commissioned Captain of Militia by Lieut. Gov. Cadwallader Colden. On Oct. 20th, 1775, he was commissioned Major of the 11th Regt. N. Y. by the Provincial Congress. In 1778 he was commissioned 2nd Major by Gov. Clinton. In 1778 he is still absorb-

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ed in the struggle for independence. In this year he was appointed 1st Lieut. by Governor Clinton.

Among the papers of Judge Bronk in the possession of the family there are two letters from Valley Forge, dated in April. But in none of these letters is there any mention of the suffering and hardship so vividly pictured in the histories of our Revolution, of the suffering of our soldiers in that camp during the winter of 1778.

During the year of 1787 he received from his correspondents letters of great public interest. The first is in reference to Gen'l Gates' defeat, and the second is in reference to Benedict Arnold.

Headquarters Stone Arabia, Sept. 8, 1780.

Dear Sir:

The news from the Southward is very unfavorable indeed. Gen'l Gates I believe is certainly totally defeated. The Militia in in them parts betrayed the confidence he reposed in them and ran and by this means the chief of the Continental troops were either killed or taken.

I believe it may now be depended on that the second division of the French fleet is on their way to the Continent, as we have advice from them, the reason of their not coming before was because they have been blocked up. By what means they have got relieved I am not at present able to inform you.

I am Dr Sir your sincere friend and very humble serv't  
T Van Wagenen.

The other letter is from his most intimate friend and constant correspondent, Leon. Gansevoort, Jr. It is as follows:

Albany, Oct. 6, 1780.

Dear Sir:

As I know that good news is always acceptable to a Person so warmly interested in the Country's welfare as yourself, I have now thought proper to sit down to give you a small Piece of News we yesterday received by one of Col. Van Schaick's Officers.

Col. Malcolm with the three months men was going up to

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relieve the Garrison at Fort Schuyler and being with the main Body of his troops on one side of the river he sent an Officer with a party of men on the other side who fell in with about sixty Indians. They were fired upon by the Party who Killed two Indians. The rest ran off leaving behind them thirty blankets with their Packs, Kettles and other articles.

What think you of Arnold—what an infamous dirty villainous detestable Rascal he is—if ever there was one deserved hanging he does, and I sincerely hope he may yet get it. I think that in no one instance during this war has the Interposition of Divine Providence so remarkably been manifested as in this, we were just upon the Precipice of Destruction and would have been inevitably gone had not a Kind Deity interposed and warded off the Blow. This must convince our Enemies, even the most hardened of them that our Cause is just and while engaged in it we will, we must, prosper. Conquered we never can be by Great Britain.

Your friend,

Leon Gansevoort, Jr.

On Nov. 4th he receives a long and triumphant letter from his friend Leon Gansevoort, Jr., on the surrender. It begins:

“Dear Friend, I Heartily congratulate you on the great and glorious news of the surrender of Cornwallis, etc.”

Judge Bronk in 1782 and 1783 was Supervisor for Albany County. In 1784 and 1785 he is Member of the Assembly and Supervisor of Albany County. In 1785 he is also appointed Commissioner of Excise. In 1786 he is still in the position of Supervisor and in the Assembly.

He was in the Assembly in 1781, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1789, 1792 and 1795. In 1796 he was elected to the State Senate and was in the Senate in 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800. In 1801 he was again named for the Senate, and once more in 1803.

When the agitation for a further division of Albany County was at its height Mr. Bronk was in the Senate, with an almost impossible task of pleasing his divided constituents. He was



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named for Senator in 1801 and again in 1803. And when the new County of Greene was a fact accomplished Leonard Bronk was selected by the Council of Appointment for the place of honor as First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He held this position from March 29th, 1800, until April 3d, 1810.

He died April 22, 1828.

See picture under surrogate court judges.

His grave is just beyond the old house to the south and west on a little knoll at the bend in the creek. In the little inclosure is a plain slab with this inscription: "In memory of Leonard Bronk, who died April 22d, 1828, aged 76 yrs. I am the Resurrection and the Life." And beyond the inclosure, crowding all the rest of the knoll, are the graves of the faithful servants who trusted him while he was alive and wanted to be buried near him when they were dead.



The Old Mill at Coxsackie, Oldest in County.

## The Chase Family Pioneers



It is interesting to note that among the pioneers of the western section of Greene county was Zephaniah Chase, great grandfather of Emory A. Chase of Catskill, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals.

There are seven generations from Thomas Chase to Judge Emory A. Chase. Thomas Chase came from Hundrech Parish Chesham, Buckinghamshire, England in 1636, and settled at Hampton, New Hampshire.

Isaac Chase, his son, was born at Hampton, N. H. in April 1647, and died at Martha's Vineyard, May 19, 1727.

Joseph Chase, his son, was born at Martha's Vineyard, Feb. 26, 1689, and died in May 1749.

Abel Chase, his son, was born at Martha's Vineyard, Oct. 9, 1719, and died at the home of his son Zephaniah, this county.

Zephaniah Chase, his son, was born at Martha's Vineyard, March 14, 1748, and died at Jewett Center, May, 30, 1828.

Benjamin Chase, his son, was born at Martha's Vineyard. Jan. 21, 1774, and died at Jewett Center Feb. 29, 1862.

Albert Chase, his son, was born at Jewett Center, Jan. 4, 1819, and died at Hensonville, Oct. 18, 1902.

Emory A. Chase, his son, was born at Hensonville, Aug. 31, 1854.

A relative of Zephaniah Chase owned considerable land at Binghamton and offered to give Zephaniah a farm if he would begin a settlement there.

Zephaniah owned some real property at Vineyard Haven, which he sold for \$250, preparatory to seeking a home in the then western wilds. With the proceeds of his real property, he took his second wife, Love, and their son David, then a little more than a year old, and his sons by his first wife, Benjamin, aged thirteen, Joseph, aged eleven, and Thomas, aged nine, and started on his long journey. He reached Hudson, N. Y., probably by means of a slow sailing sloop from Martha's Vineyard.

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From a document now in the possession of his descendants, it appears that he was in Hudson, August 1, 1787. At Hudson, they learned that the difficult part of the journey lay before them; a journey through forests infested with wild animals and over a crude road through the forest. Indians yet roamed the forest of eastern and southern New York. He purchased a yoke of oxen and a wagon and started on his journey to Binghamton, taking his wife and children and such tools and personal property as he had with him in the primitive conveyance. How he crossed the Hudson river is not known, but it was probably by boarding some sailing vessel and landing at Catskill. From Catskill to Binghamton, the road lay over the Catskill Mountains and the entire journey was through an almost unbroken forest with only a few settlers' cabins along the way. They proceeded to the valley of the Batavia-kill, west of the eastern range of the Catskills and, while resting near a well known high rock standing within what is now the village of Windham, at a cabin built against said rock in which lived an early settler, a man, who had come from Binghamton on foot, informed them, that owing to an unusual wind, many trees were blown across the road and that it would be impossible to get through with a wagon. While waiting somewhat undetermined what to do, he met one Thomas Harriott, who offered to sell him his farm situated on the Schoharie-kill, at a point ten miles up that stream from its junction with the Batavia-kill at a point ten miles below where they were, at what is now Prattsville. He concluded to buy this farm and agreed to give, on reaching the farm, the oxen, as part payment for the same. How he reached the farm is told hereinafter. The house, they found, was only two logs high covered with bark, but a block house was in course of erection and this Zephaniah and his sons finished before the cold winter, and here, shortly afterwards, their son West was born the first Chase born in the Catskills.

There was no saw mill within twenty miles of the farm at which logs could be sawed into material adapted for use in completing the house, and from which to make furniture, so all such material were made by Zephaniah and his sons by hewing the logs

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into blocks or splitting them, and by shaving and planing them into boards by the use of axes and other tools brought from Martha's Vineyard. Some of the furniture made by Zephaniah is now in the possession of his descendants. The deed from Thomas Harriott is dated Aug. 19, 1787. The family continued to live upon the farm and they cleared away the forests which covered the valley as well as the highlands and here all of the children of the second marriage except David were born. Zephaniah later built a more pretentious house which is still standing. The homestead farm in 1787 was in the town of Woodstock, Ulster county, N. Y., it was subsequently included in the new town of Windham and in Greene county. In subsequent divisions of the territory it became successively a part of the towns of Lexington and Jewett. It is now a part of the town of Jewett, Greene county, and the post-office is Jewett Center, N. Y.

Zephaniah was a Baptist, but few of his descendants are of that faith, many being Methodists or Presbyterians. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. He is buried in the family burial plot in the cemetery on the hill north of the house which he built, and which is known as the Chase cemetery.

When Zephaniah and his family, on the westward journey, reached the point on the Batavia-kill mentioned, where the farm was purchased, Benjamin (then a lad of thirteen years) was sent with the oxen and goods down the Batavia-kill ten miles until he reached the Schoharie-kill and he was directed then to follow up that stream ten miles to the farm that was to be their future home. Zephaniah took his wife and the three youngest children, including David, the baby, and crossed the mountain range on foot, through what is now Jewett Heights, a route about half as long as the one taken by Benjamin with the oxen and wagon. Zephaniah was guided to his destination by marked trees described to him by the man from whose cabin they started.

## BENJAMIN CHASE

Benjamin's life was spent at the homestead farm and a

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farm near it which he purchased. He engaged in farming, lumbering and tanning, and was also an officer of the local militia. He lived to be eighty-eight years old.

### ALBERT CHASE

Albert, the father of Judge Chase, lived with his parents until the death of his mother, January 12, 1829, after which he went to live in the family of his uncle, Charles Chase, on a farm two miles below what is now the village of Hunter, where he attended the district school, and when twenty years old returned to the town of Lexington and acquired the carpenter's trade, which he followed for twenty-five years, becoming one of the largest contractors in that part of the county. He married Sept. 1, 1844, at the Methodist church in East Jewett, Laura Orinda daughter of Abner and Betsey (Judson) Woodworth. After their marriage, they resided for about one year in the town of Lexington. Then they moved to Hensonville (1845), and he there carried on an extensive lumber and contracting business for many years. Subsequently he purchased a large farm on the outskirts of the village and, after erecting new buildings thereon, made it his home for the rest of his life. He was a Republican in politics and held the office of Justice of the Peace and other offices in the town. He was an active supporter of the Methodist Church at Hensonville and for twenty-six years the superintendent of its Sunday School.

### EMORY A. CHASE

Emory A. Chase Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, was born at Hensonville, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1854, and resides on Prospect avenue, Catskill, N. Y.

Judge Chase was educated at the village school and at Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, after which he taught school for several years, in the meantime preparing for the legal profession. On March 27, 1877, he entered the law offices of King & Hallock at Catskill, N. Y., was admitted to the bar, May 6, 1880. In that year Mr. King retired and a new legal firm was formed by Mr.

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Hallock and W. Irving Jennings under the name of Hallock & Jennings. Mr. Chase was given an interest in the business, but his name could not appear as a member of the firm at that time as he had not been admitted as an attorney-at-law. The firm name was afterwards (in 1882) changed to Hallock, Jennings & Chase. On September 22, 1890, Mr. Hallock retired, but the firm continued in the name of Jennings & Chase. They became well known as able, conscientious lawyers and had a very large and profitable clientage. Mr. Chase was successively admitted to the United States District and Circuit Courts and the United States Supreme Court. His practice frequently took him before the State and Federal Courts and he was everywhere recognized as a successful lawyer and a man of the highest character.

In 1880, the year he was admitted to the bar, he was the candidate of his party for district attorney of Greene county, but although he ran far ahead of his ticket, he was defeated by 211 votes. In 1882, he was elected a member of the Catskill Board of Education and served continuously in such Board until 1896, the last five years being its president. He also served one term as supervisor of the town of Catskill and for many years was the village counsel. In 1896, Mr. Chase, who had now been in active political and professional life since 1880, was nominated by the Third Judicial District Republican Convention for a justice of the Supreme Court of New York. He was opposed by the Democratic candidate, Frank H. Osborn. At the election following, he received a majority of 12,680 votes and was the second Supreme Court Justice ever elected by the Republican party in that Judicial District. Before assuming the duties of his office, he retired from the law firm of Jennings & Chase, his place being taken by his opponent for the judgeship, Frank H. Osborn.

Judge Chase made his first appearance on the trial bench at the January trial term of 1897 at Schoharie, and at the close of his first trial term received an engrossed copy of complimentary resolutions adopted by the Schoharie County Bar. As he went from county to county as a trial justice he won the highest encomiums from the lawyers and the press for his fair, impartial rul-

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ings, his unfailing courtesy and rapid methods of disposing of business. January 8, 1900 he was designated an associate justice of the appellate division of the Supreme Court, third department, by Governor Odell; December 31, 1905, he was designated, by Governor Higgins, as an associate judge of the Court of Appeals under the constitutional amendment of 1899. At the expiration in 1910, of his term of fourteen years, Judge Chase was unanimously renominated by the Republican convention of the Third Judicial District held October 5, 1910. At the Democratic convention held a few days later, he was paid the high and unusual compliment of a unanimous nomination by his political opponents, the nominating speech being made by the unsuccessful candidate of fourteen years earlier, Frank H. Osborn. He said of Judge Chase in part: "He is a man of irreproachable character, an able lawyer and an ideal judge."

During that part of his term in which he was engaged as a trial justice, he frequently by invitation presided over Courts in New York City and other parts of the state outside of his judicial district, and many noted cases were tried before him. While he has been a justice of the Appellate Division and a judge of the Court of Appeals, hundreds of opinions have been written by him which appear in law reports and make a part of the judicial history of the State. The New York Bar Association, in endorsing his nomination, said: "his judicial career both in trial and appellate courts, and especially as a member by designation of the Court of Appeals, is and has been distinguished for and characterized by, such eminent judicial qualification and great legal learning and ability, as to make it most fitting and desirable that his services be retained by the public. Therefore, the New York State Bar Association by its duly authorized committee, hereby urges the unanimous renomination and election of Mr. Justice Chase, irrespective of party, to the end that the judiciary may, as far as possible, be kept free from politics, that the public may retain the services of a tried, upright and most worthy judge and as we hope, if not expect, that if re-elected, he may continue to adorn the bench of the Court of Appeals as one of its appointed members."

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At the election on November 8, 1910, Judge Chase received the vote of the two great political parties, and was re-elected for another term of fourteen years, and the first act of Governor Dix on taking office, January 1, 1911, was to re-designate Judge Chase, together with former Associate Judge, Frank H. Hiscock of Syracuse, N. Y., to the Court of Appeals, pursuant to said provision of the State Constitution. Judge Chase is now engaged in the performance of his duties as a judge of that court.

In 1912 Judge Chase was nominated by the Republican party for election to the Court of Appeals. His candidacy was endorsed by the State Bar Association and the Associated Bar of the City of New York. While the Republican vote for governor was 444,105, the vote for Judge Chase was 467,743 but he was defeated.

He was the candidate of the Republican party for Judge of the Court of Appeals in the fall of 1914, and received nearly 2000 plurality in Greene county, most flattering indeed, but was defeated by a few thousand votes. He will continue to serve the state by appointment, and is without doubt one of the ablest jurists in the country.

He is a member and a trustee of Christ's Presbyterian Church of Catskill and a liberal supporter of all good causes in his home town. He is deeply interested in historical and genealogical matters and has given much time to the preservation of his own family history.

Judge Chase married at Prattsville, New York, June 30, 1885, Mary E. Churchill, daughter of Addison J. and Elizabeth (Houghtaling) Churchill.



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Office of King & Hallock, where Judge Chase studied law. Torn  
down to make room for Catskill Saving Bank.

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HON. ZADOCK PRATT.

Courtesy of Supervisor Elmer Kreiger (1853).

### **Hon. Zadock Pratt**

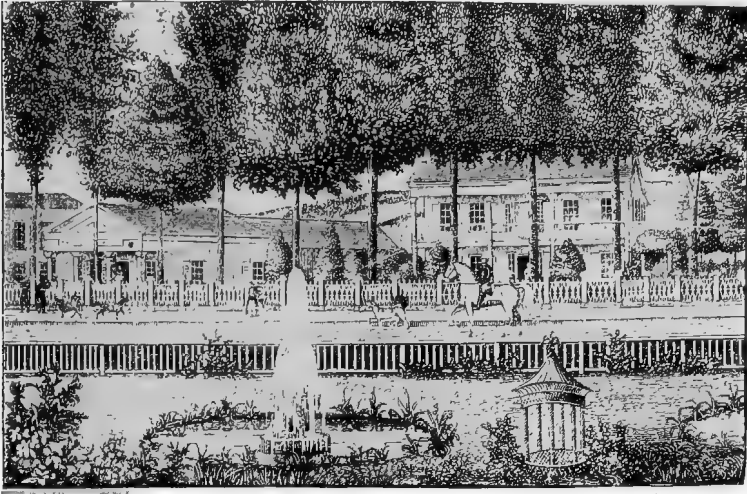
The one man who stands conspicuous in the early history of Greene county whose name not only is inscribed on the everlasting hills of his native town, but in the records that are familiar to all is Col. Zadock Pratt of Prattsville, which town bears with honor his distinguished name. He was a great man in his native town, also foremost in the county and of national repute.

He was a great man in every sense of the word. The tannery built by him and operated for over 20 years was 550 feet long, 45 feet wide and had over 300 vats for the tanning of leather, the greatest industry of the county.

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This was started in 1825, and he employed in all over 30,000 men. He cleared 12 000 acres of land for the hemlock bark and lumber, tanned 2 million sides of leather. In 1825 he built the first grist mill, later on a hat manufactory.



Residence of Zadock Pratt (1848).

He was born at Stephentown, N. Y. in 1790, removed to Lexington in 1802, and in 1825 was Col. of the 116th New York Inf. and he commanded the escort of General Lafayette on the occasion of his visit to Catskill. He was congressman in 1836 and 1842, and had the distinction of moving the survey of the Pacific railroad.

He established a large number of tanneries, three of which were destroyed by fire, one at West Kill and two at Windham.

Although he was a trustee and vestryman of the Episcopal church at Prattsville he is said to have paid one third of the expense of the Reformed and Methodist churches. In 1836 he was an elector and cast his vote for Van Buren and Johnston. He died at the age of 80 years and his achievements were the most colossal possibly of any man who ever lived in this state.

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Col. Pratt also owned and operated a tannery at Windham, another at Big Hollow, the Palen tannery, Samsonville tannery, Westkill tannery, and Aldenville tannery.

The Windham tannery was burned in 1844 and also 1853, the loss being \$12,000 each time. The Westkill tannery was burned in 1839 with a loss of \$10,000. These were all insured.

Col Pratt moved to Windham in 1802, since Lexington and now Jewett. He commenced business in Lexington in 1812, and he made for the New York market 100,000 oars.

In 1820 he was captain of the 5th N. Y. S. Inf and uniformed 100 men at his own expense. He was a passenger on the Robert Fulton on her first trip.

In 1824 he moved to Prattsville and built the tannery there and on completion of the dam Nov. 17 swam across it, though the water was forming ice.

In the recollections of Col. Pratt, an old resident of Catskill informs us that he remembers on one occasion in the early 50's Col. Pratt drove to Catskill on a very hot Fourth of July, with a span of white horses, sleigh, with bells and robes, and drew up in front of what is now the Smith House. The sleigh shoes were worn nearly through, he jumped out slapping himself in imitation of cold, handed the hostler \$5 and told him to blanket the team and feed them good. On another occasion at the Cairo fair he is said to have raised a ruction with the exhibits in the display hall, and then pulled out a big check book and paid for it all in a manner that was most acceptable. He was a great joker, and a man who held the highest esteem of all. Everybody in Greene county knew the Colonel and what's more they regarded him as the most wonderful man the county ever produced.

The view of Prattsville taken about 1850 which is from an old picture furnished us by Supervisor Elmer Krieger of Prattsville, and which is found on another page in this book, shows the old tannery and also the famous white horse which was one of the span he drove to Catskill on a Fourth of July, which we have referred to.

The old grist mill and the church are to be seen in the picture also.

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Visitors to Prattsville today are shown with pride the rock carvings which he caused to be made in 1844. Carvings that have been photographed ten thousand times. They are on a ledge of rocks that tower 500 feet above the Schoharie creek. These carvings show busts of Zadock Pratt, and a view of the great tannery he built, with the announcement that he had tanned a million sides of sole leather in 20 years. There is a life size bust of his son, Col. George W. Pratt, and the inscription "Hon. Geo. W. Pratt Ph. D., Col. XX Regt. N. Y. S. M. Ulster Co. Born April 18, 1832, wounded Aug. 30, 1862 at battle of Manassas. Good, brave, honorable." A horse, coat of arms, an arm and hammer, and a mass of inscriptions. These are visible for a considerable distance. There is also a monument which contains the names of horses and dogs that belonged to him, with their ages.

The descendants of Col. Pratt many of them are still found scattered throughout the mountain section, as well as throughout the country.

The tanning business has entirely passed, as well as the asheries and distilleries. The town of Windham had many of these early distilleries. So later did Ashland and Durham, and the whiskey jug was a regular companion of the men in the fields and the preachers appear not to have been adverse at all to the little brown jug.

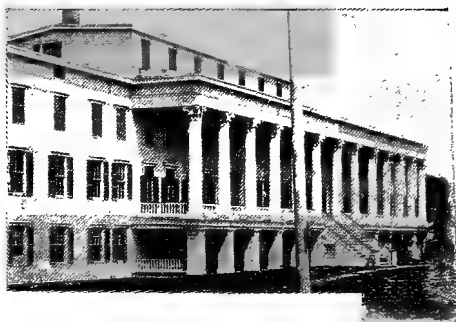
One of the popular airs of the early day was "Little Brown Jug How I Love Thee." And it was all too true that the little brown jug went under the arm, when the farmer went to work upon his land or crops.

## Charles L. Beach

One of the time honored landmarks of Greene county was Charles L. Beach, whose name is inseparably connected with many of the important enterprises of the county. He was born in what is now Lexington in 1808 in one of the old log houses that sheltered his grandfather and father who with about 40 families moved

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Catskill Mountain House.

from Goshen, Ct. in 1795 and settled in Lexington being the first settlers.

In 1813 he moved to Catskill with his father Erastus Beach and in 1823 commenced staging it to the Catskill Mountain House, which 21 years later passed to him as owner. On the occasion of General Lafayette's visit to Catskill his father drove the carriage which contained the illustrious general. His stage lines covered a distance of about 1500 miles. They made trips between New York and Catskill on either side of the river and connected with a line also that reached over the mountains to Delhi and to Ithaca. We understand that the ferries at Catskill and also at Athens were driven by horse power. Mr. Beach was prime mover in the Catskill Mountain railroad, in which he invested over \$100-000. His nephew Charles A. Beach was president of the road.

The Catskill Mountain House is still in the possession of the Beach family, with George H. Beach conducting it.

The Mountain House has been pictured by artists the world over and is one of the few pictures to be seen in the books of the early 20's. Judge Chase has among his collection pictures of the Mountain House, of North and South Lakes owned by the Mountain House, and of Kaaterskill Falls which he is preserving because of their antiquity. The Mountain House for long years was visited by tourists from abroad, who regarded the view at that point as the greatest in the world. It had no rivals, and the great generals and statesmen considered that when they had been to the Mountain House there wasn't much else left worth the while.

## Exit Tannery Enter Cement

Of the early industries of Greene county it appears the greatest was tanning. It was in every section and some of these were timed to take care of 40,000 hides a year. Millions of cattle were slain for their hides, hundreds daily at the Point in Catskill alone. Great hemlock trees in dense forests made music for the woodmen's axe, and the bark peeler. Great droves of oxen hauled these logs and bark to the markets and saw mills. Some of the timber found its way into the charcoal pits, and some into the homes of the pioneers. Old taverns even in Catskill, drew patrons to their hostleries by the hanging out of Bulls Head signs. There were tanner's stores, tanner's and trader's supply houses and even banks. It was the tanning industry that furnished the incentive to name Catskill's bank the Tanners Bank.

Near the head of Main street in Catskill may still be seen the remains of tanning vats in what was the Jones and Bagley tannery

The brick industry has remained, and is on the up grade yet, but tanning, once the subject for poetry and song has passed. The cattle industry has passed. But other industries have come, and the capital that represents them runs into the millions.

The last decade however has added what is destined to become the greatest of all industries, that of cement making.

There are three great plants in Catskill, each costing millions of dollars, and each capable of turning out thousands of barrels of the finest cement in the world.

The Seaboard plant is still in process of completion, south of Catskill. and will likely get running this year.

The Alsen plant at Alsen is a German concern and has been doing a great business.

Reference will be found elsewhere to the allied industry of brick making, of which the several river towns have many important yards, and to the manufacture of vitrified paving brick at the great Catskill plant.

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View of Alpha Cement Works.

The above illustration is a view of the Plant of the ALPHA Portland Cement Company as it appears with improvements completed.

This plant, located at Cementon, is one of the largest industries tributary to the town of Catskill. The original plant was built by the Catskill Cement Company, which was incorporated in August, 1899. The officers of this company at that time were P. Gardner Coffin, President, James W. Kittrell, Secretary and Treasurer, both of whom are residents of Catskill.

These gentlemen operated this plant, gradually increasing its capacity from 350 barrels per day to something over 1000 barrels per day in 1909, at which time the control of the Catskill Company was purchased by the Alpha Portland Cement Company of Easton, Pennsylvania.

The Alpha Company immediately started in to extend the plant and since their control began in October, 1909, they have practically rebuilt the mill. They have also very greatly increased its capacity, having spent, at this point in the last five years, over a million dollars.

The capacity of the plant at the present time is about 4000 barrels per day. It enjoys unusual shipping facilities, having private docks located directly on the Hudson River and also a private siding from the West Shore Railroad,



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An increasing quantity of the cement made in this mill is now being sold in South America the European War having cut off to a large extent the importation of Portland Cement from European countries and opened the way for a larger sale of Portland Cement made in the United States.

The product of this cement plant enjoys a distinctive place in the engineering world because of the fact that the percentage of alumina is very much lower than that in most Portland Cements. A low-alumina cement is regarded as preferable for concrete work that is exposed to sea-water. Very large quantities of cement from the ALPHA Catskill plant have been used in building docks and wharves for New York City and for U. S. Government constructions along the coast.

Some idea of the growth of the increase in the use of Portland Cement may be gained from the fact that in 1900 only about eight and a half million barrels were manufactured in America, while the present yearly output is close to one hundred million barrels.

Originally Portland Cement was used mainly in the construction of great engineering jobs, such as bridges, dams, etc. During recent years the use of cement in making home and farm improvements has developed into an enormous field for the cement companies. The use of Portland Cement in the building of concrete roads has opened another great field.

The ALPHA Portland Cement Company follows an educational policy in its advertising and sends out free literature of various kinds to persons contemplating the use of cement in any way. The general offices of the Company are at Easton, Pa. The present officers are G. S. Brown, President, J. M. Lockhart, First Vice-president, F. G. McKelly, Second Vice-president, F. M. Coogan, Secretary, and J. J. Matthes, Treasurer. N. D. Colburn, who is well known in this part of New York state, is the Superintendent of the Catskill ALPHA Plant.

### **Courts and Records---The Bar.**

Greene county has always been wealthy in the array of legal talent that has come to the front to represent the several towns or fill the most important of the stations where much knowledge has been required. Some of these men have been legal giants to judge from their records. Men of the stamp of Judge A. Melvin Osborn, Judge Sanderson, Sidney Crowell, Rufus H. King, Lyman Tremaine, Danforth K. Olney, Lucius Robinson, Malbon Watson, John A. Griswold, Lewis Benton and others were very conspicuous during their life time.

Of the old time lawyers we have mention of but two who held important State positions, and Lyman Tremaine, was one. He was born in the town of Durham and represented the county as speaker of the assembly at one time, and filled many important positions. He was one of the great lawyers of the state.

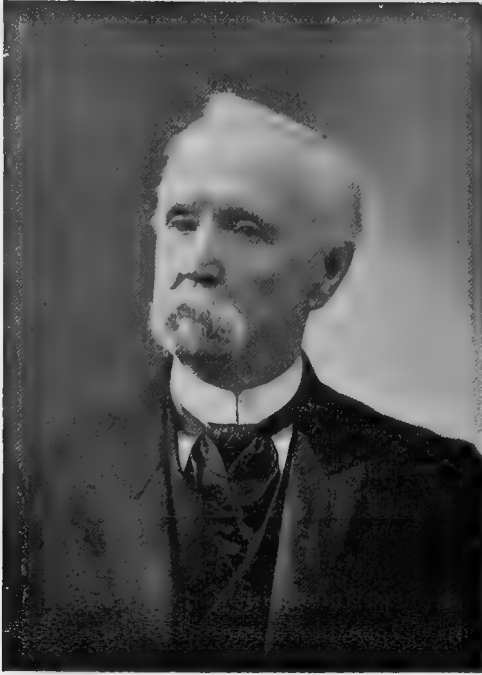
John Adams and James Powers were among the early pleaders. Later on we note Rufus King, Peleg Mattoon, Mitchell Sandford, D. K. Olney at one time was considered the head of the bar in Greene county. Adams and Powers, and Olney and King, and then King and Hallock. This firm later changing to Hallock, Jennings and Chase, and upon the election of Mr. Chase to the Supreme Court, to Osborn and Bloodgood. Later Mr. Wilbur being admitted to the firm. Mr. Osborn was conspicuous in the trial of a number of very important cases, the Quinn murder trial being one of them. Mr. Wilbur became district attorney and Mr. Chase has gone to the court of appeals bench. These men have all been connected with the banks of Catskill.

Hon. A. Melvin Osborn was another Greene county man who bore great distinction as a lawyer and who was soon elevated to the higher courts, where death claimed him in the prime of his work.

D. K. Olney, James B. Olney, Hon. John Olney, Hon. John A. Griswold, Hon. John Sanderson, Manly B. Mattice, Sidney Crowell, Pierre S. Jennings, Addison C. Griswold were among the lawyers who gained distinction and political honors, all passed to their rewards.

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Hon. Jas. B. Olney.

Other talented lawyers of the county who have passed are William E. Leete, Sidney Crowell, Addison C. Griswold, Henry Mott, Sheldon Givens, Charles Givens, Charles F. Bouton, Herman Winans, Lemuel C. Bennett, Charles H. Porter, Ebenezer Haight, J. C. DeWitt, Augustus R. Macomber, Joseph Hallock, Arthur M. Murphy, Jacob I. Werner, Henry D. Shores, Charles G. Coffin, Augustus Sherman, Augustus Hill, A. Cowles, John B. Bronk, and Cicero C. Peck.

Among those who have gone to other fields are L. B. Cornell, Spokane, Frank H. Burroughs, New York, Jesse W. Olney, San Francisco, Eugene Raymond, Brooklyn, Herbert Niklewicz, New York, Fred Werner, Connecticut.

The most notable of the men who have been honored in recent years, is the Hon. Emory A. Chase who has for the past 17

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years been a judge of the supreme court, and for a considerable portion of the time justice of the highest branch of the court—the appellate division.



Pierre S. Jennings, former Dist. Atty.

Among the lawyers of the recent years perhaps the most successful has been Judge Tallmadge who for many years has been county judge and who handling thousands of cases that have come before him not only in the Greene county courts, but also in the courts of New York has never yet been reversed on a decision. Senator Bloodgood is another lawyer who has gained distinction in the courts and been honored with high official stations. Attorney Judson A. Betts, also has been very successful and has held the office of county treasurer a number of times. At present he is associated with his son Lee F. Betts, who was sergeant at arms in the legislature under Gov. Sulzer. William W. Bennett is another

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rising young lawyer. He gained distinction by taking his command the 16th Sep. Co. to the front at the time of the Spanish American war.

Attorney Frank H. Osborn is regarded as one of the greatest pleaders in the state, and invariably successful in important cases. But for the fact that the district is heavily republican, he would years ago have found his way to the highest courts.

Albert C. Bloodgood of the same firm is regarded as a lawyer of exceptional ability.

Then there is O. T. Heath, who has served Catskill in many ways. H. Leroy Austin has risen to an important railroad lawyer with offices in Albany, and he was a partner with former District Attorney Pierre S. Jennings, whose untimely death from consumption is still mourned. Another once brilliant lawyer was Egbert Palmer, who served as district attorney, and who in his last years gave way to the attack of disease.

J. Lewis Patrie has risen to the legislature and had the best record perhaps of all men who have represented Greene County. A natural born orator, and one whose opinion was foremost in the legislature for years.

Attorney H. Leroy Austin of the younger men who have risen fast has served the county as district attorney, and becoming a great corporation lawyer was last fall elected to serve as a member of the State constitutional revision committee.

G. Howard Jones made a capable District Attorney and has a fine practice.

Clarence Howland also has a splendid record and is doing well.

E. A. Gifford, of Athens, has risen to deputy attorney general.

Nor should we fail to mention Charles A. Nichols, election commissioner and former member of assembly. Hon. Ira B. Kerr the silver tongued pleader, and the brilliant D. H. Daley and E. C. Hallenbeck of Coxsackie, of the older men.

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George L. Rifenburgh, of Oak Hill, has had to extend his practice to Albany.

Of the young lawyers who have forged to the front and who are doing excellent, and very successful work, are Howard C. Wilbur, who has risen to district attorney, Seth T. Cole to state tax examiner, George W. Plusch to referee in bankruptcy cases, and James Reilly to an important position in the surrogate's office.

Percy W. Decker, John L. Fray, and J. Lewis Malcolm, of Catskill are doing well.

William E. Thorpe has been corporation counsel for Catskill, and is regarded as a very brilliant lawyer.

Curtiss and Warren of Coxsackie, Michael and Edward Lackey of Tannersville are rated very high. So also is Benjamin I. Tallmadge of Windham, brother of Judge Tallmadge.

We understand that no Greene County women have ever been admitted to the bar, although there have been a number who are doubtless competent, Miss Jackson, Miss O'Brien, Miss Simmons are stenographers of ability and Miss Simmons is doing court work right along.

Greene county was represented in the several constitutional conventions that have been held. In 1801 Martin Schuneman and David Simmons were named.

1821, Jehliel Tuttle and Alpheus Webster.

1846, Robert Dornon and James Powers.

1867, Manley B. Mattice and Ezekiel Moore.

1873, Joseph B. Hall, editor Recorder.

1894, Hon. John A. Griswold

1915, H. Leroy Austin of Catskill.

The first Court of Common Pleas was held in the academy at Catskill and at the residence of John R. Vandenberg at Coxsackie.

The first county officers were:

Leonard Bronk, judge

James Bill, clerk

George Hale, sheriff

John H. Cuyler, surrogate

John R. Vandenberg and Thos. Croswell, coroners.

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Another View of the Court House.

The Judges of the county have been:

|                   |      |                     |         |
|-------------------|------|---------------------|---------|
| Garrett Abeel     | 1810 | F. James Fitch      | 1855    |
| Moses I. Cantine  | 1818 | John A. Griswold    | 1863    |
| John V. S. Scott  | 1821 | John Olney          | 1867    |
| Dorrance Kirkland | 1828 | A. Melvin Osborn    | 1870    |
| Perkins King      | 1838 | Manley B. Mattice   | 1870-82 |
| Lyman Tremaine    | 1847 | John Sanderson      | 1888    |
| Alex. H. Bailey   | 1851 | Josiah C. Tallmadge | 1900-15 |
| Surrogates        |      |                     |         |
| John H. Cuyler    | 1800 | Dorance Kirkland    | 1808-11 |
| John Adams        |      | 1810                |         |

Through the courtesy of Judge Chase we are able to present likenesses of most of the judges. A few are missing and will be for all time.

It is interesting to note that the early surrogates purchased their own books of record, and these subsequently were sold to

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their successors. Dorrance Kirkland refused to purchase the unused portion of Book A. of Wills, from John H. Cuyler who was removed from office, and Cuyler thereupon took his knife and cut out all the unused leaves. This certified statement may be seen in the book today.

Those who have held the office of district attorney in the county are:

|                     | Date of Election |                          | Date of Election |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Alex. Frasier       | 1819             | Erastus Barnes           | 1821             |
| Lewis Benton        | 1824             | Malbon Watson            | 1832-7           |
| Lucius Robinson     | 1838             | Danforth K. Olney        | 1840-5           |
| Lyman Tremaine      | 1846             | Rufus Watson             | 1847             |
| Danforth K. Olney   | 1850             | Peleg C. Mattoon         | 1853             |
| John A. Griswold    | 1856             | James B. Olney           | 1859-62          |
| A. Melvin Osborn    | 1865             | William E. Leete         | 1868             |
| Sidney Crowell      | 1871             | Addison C. Griswold      | 1874             |
| Eugene Raymond      | 1877             | G. Howard Jones          | 1880             |
| Augustus Sherman    | 1883             | Frank H. Osborn          | 1886             |
| Josiah C. Tallmadge | 1889             | <u>Edward A. Gifford</u> | 1882-5           |
| Charles E. Nichols  | 1898             | Egbert Palmer            | 1901             |
| Pierre S. Jennings  | 1904             | H. L. Austin             | 1909             |
| Orin Q. Flint       | 1910             | Howard C. Wilbur         | 1911             |

Washington Hunt, born at Windham, Aug 5, 1811, was Member of Congress 1843-1849, State Comptroller 1849, Governor 1850.

Lyman Tremaine was born at Durham and Attorney General in 1846. County Judge 1847. Attorney General 1857.

Malbon Watson was justice of the supreme court 1848.

Lucius Robinson, also born at Windham, Nov. 4, 1810 was the only other man from Greene county who served the state as governor Mr. Robinson was District Attorney in 1837, Master of Chancery 1843, Assemblyman from Chemung county in 1859, Comptroller of State in 1861, 1863, 1875, and elected Governor Nov. 1876.



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A very successful lawyer who has retired from active practice is W. I. Jennings, who for a number of years has devoted his time entirely to the Catskill Savings Bank of which he is president.

Dorville S. Coe is another Greene county boy who went out from Greene county and who is doing well in New York.

The present members of the Greene county bar are:

### Catskill

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Austin, H. L.          | Jones, Ambrose       |
| Bagley, Charles J.     | Jones, G. Howard     |
| Bennett, William W.    | Kerr, Ira B.         |
| Betts, Judson A.       | Malcolm, J. Lewis    |
| Betts, Lee F.          | Nichols, Charles E.  |
| Bloodgood, Albert C.   | Osborn, Frank H.     |
| Bloodgood, Clarence E. | Palmatier, William   |
| Boyne, Harold J.       | Patrie, J. Lewis     |
| Chase, Emory A.        | Philip, James P.     |
| Cole, Seth T.          | Plusch, George W.    |
| Decker, Percy W.       | Reilly, James H.     |
| Fray, John L.          | Tallmadge, Josiah C. |
| Heath, Orliff T.       | Thorpe, William E.   |
| Howland, Clarence      | Van Gelder, James H. |
| Jennings, W. Irving    | Wilbur, Howard C.    |

### Coxsackie

Calkins, N. A.  
Curtis, H. McK.  
Daley, D. Henry  
Hallenbeck, Edwin C.  
Hiseerd, James W.  
Warren, Leonard A.

### Cairo

Chadderdon, Miles A.  
Van Vechten, Francis H.

### Hunter

Cartwright, C. M.

### Prattsville

Daley, James B.

### Tannersville

Dibble, Flavius  
Lackey, Edward W.

### Athens

Flint, Orin Q.  
Gifford, Edward A.  
Porter, O. Gates

### Durham

Gardner, Harrison I.  
Taylor, Frank

### Oak Hill

Rifenburgh, George L.

### Windham

Tallmadge, Benjamin I.

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Senator William P. Fiero.

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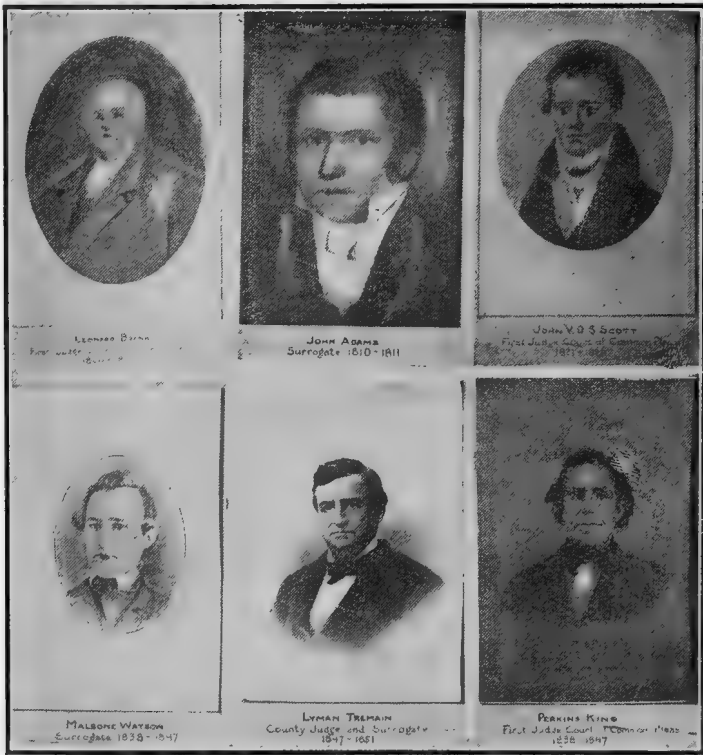
The Hon. William P. Fiero who was elected to the State senate from Greene county in the fall of 1910 was one of the grand old men whom the county loves to honor. For more than 33 years he was a leading lawyer in the Westchester courts and assistant district attorney in the federal courts, where he had universal success winning over 400 cases. He had a wonderful interest in the county of his birth, and on the court house lawn may be seen the grand fountain given by him to the county. He carried Greene County by 1124 votes.



Charles G. Coffin, Lawyer, Fireman, Musician.

Mr. Pinkney says he well remembers the Hon. Malbon Watson, of a very distinguished Catskill family, who was very slow and dignified in manner, but who had a fund of humor on occasion. It was in a case in justice court, where his opponent had been speaking in a very loud voice and earnest manner as though the trivial case was of the utmost importance. Watson came to the close of his summing up and said, "And now, gentlemen of the jury I leave my case in your hands and give you a chance to listen to a blast from the fountain of minds."

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JUDGES OF GREENE COUNTY COURTS FROM 1800 to 1915.

Photographed and Reproduced by  
Courtesy of Judge Chase.

Of Judge Bronk there is but one other  
picture in existence.

Some of these pictures are from  
oil paintings, hence not very  
distinct.

It was necessary to photograph them through glass, and three  
attempts were made to get them.

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Greene County Judges from 1800 to 1915.

### Notable Women

Greene county has not produced many women who have achieved notoriety in the various fields of activity. The one who stands out pre-eminently however is Maggie Van Cott, who passed away in 1914 at her home in Catskill bordering on 90 years of age. She was the first woman who was ordained to the ministry of the



Mrs. Maggie Van Cott, Evangelist.

Methodist church, and pretty much all of her life was devoted to revival work. She went from one end of the country to the other and her converts are said to have numbered over 100,000. Her commanding appearance, remarkable voice, and personal magnetism with an appeal that was irresistible made her a great power for good. So late as 1901 she held a great revival at Lebanon Springs and three brass bands turned out to assist in the work. There are few if any places in Greene county where she has not held successful revivals, and some of these places she visited during the last year or so of her life. Around 1900 she had a big tent and for several weeks held meetings on west Main street, Catskill.

Mother Ann Lee, founder of the Shakers, a sect of the Quaker church, a denomination still having adherents in Greene county, was buried at Watervliet where her grave may still be pointed out. She made a great stir in her crusade in which she

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declared that Marriage was the root of human depravity, and forthwith she was sent to prison and then to the mad house. She secured her release however, and in 1776 was arrested on a charge of high treason, by the British and confined at Pokeepsie. Gov. George Clinton pardoned her and she went about establishing churches. Finally in 1784 she died at Watervliet. Churches in many sections included in Albany county, now Greene, were established by her.

Squaw Owned Old Catskill—Chief of Tribe—From historical matter furnished us by the Hon. Clarence E. Bloodgood, former senator from Greene county, we learn that "Director Brandt Van Slechtenhorst, for the Patroon (Van Rensselaer) bought of Pwasck, a squaw, chief of Catskill, and her son, Supahoop, a kil named Katskil, accounted to be 9 miles and that the consideration was seventeen and a half ells of duffels, a coat of beaver and a knife. Aepkje, the interpreter, who brought about the sale got five and a half ells of duffels for his service. This was in 1649, and is a part of the Fort Orange records.

Among the old residents of whom we find mention in other works Dame Van Schaack of the early Dutch of the Coxsackie district was a strenuous character who lived in the old Van Schaack homestead near the village. During the Revolutionary period this old house was bombarded by the British, and they ransacked it and carried off what they thought was of value. Dame VanSchaack who appeared to have been very brave, and relentless gathered up certain of the belongings that she had an attachment for and announced that she wouldn't give them up, and she did not either for the leader relented and let her keep what she wanted. This old house is still standing and has many pieces of furniture of the colonial period. Wood is still burned in the old fire places.

At the Greene county Alms House for the past few years Mrs. E.C. Judson, wife of Ned Buntline, the great American Scout and Sea Fighter, as well as one of America's greatest writers of fiction, has been making her home. Col. Judson who was in the employ of the government during the latter years of his life, crip-

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pled and scarred from the many battles in which he participated, lived at Stamford, Delaware county, in a mansion that he built, and was supposed to be wealthy. As a writer of Indian and Scout or Sea Faring life he had no equal, and many of his stories were printed in the New York Weekly

Madam Jumel also was one of the wives of Aaron Burr. She died at the age of 98 years, and Mr. Burr was her third husband. The madam was the wife of Col. Croix of the British army in an elopement at 17, then she married Stephen Jumel, and spent a great part of his vast fortune. Burr was 78 years of age when she married him. They separated. The Jumel mansion is a historical museum in the city of New York.

Madam Jumel in company with her husband frequently visited this section and was often a guest at the Prevost mansion at Greenville. She was one of the most talked about women of her period, and many women attempted to follow the styles she set in dress.

Those who have represented the county in charity work are:

Mrs. Emory A. Chase, Mrs. Percival Goldin, Mrs. W. I. Jennings, Mrs. F. S. Decker, Mrs. F. H. Osborn, Mrs. Charles A. Elliott, Mrs. J. Lewis Patrie, Mrs. H. L. Boughton, Mrs. James P. Philip, Mrs. Benjamin Wey, Mrs. Ella M. Grout, Mrs. J. S. Henderson, Catskill; and Mrs. Sherwood H. Holcomb, Palenville.

Mrs. Harriet Penfield, Mrs. George H. Penfield and Mrs. Isaac Pruyn are among the prominent workers deceased.

Mrs. Cornelius Du Bois at Palenville was for many years at the head of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Greene county, and Mrs. Harvey Brown and Mrs. G.N. Brandow of Catskill and Miss Brandow of Cocksackie have been conspicuous in this work.

Mrs. Egbert Beardsley of Catskill has been doing Sunday School work and attained considerable distinction as a lecturer.

Mrs. Benjamin Wey of Catskill has been among the leaders in school, missionary, church and library work in Greene county. A grand woman in every way.



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In the Suffragist work Mrs. Joseph Malcolm, and Miss Gertrude B. Linnell have been very enthusiastic workers, and the movement has shown great progress. For a list of other workers who have been connected with this movement see article on the Suffragist Movement.



Mrs. Joseph Malcolm, Suffragist Leader.

Among those who have taken the lead in the work of the Old Ladies Home, are Mrs. J. P. Phillip, Mrs. Emory A. Chase, Mrs. H. L. Boughton, Mrs. Jeremiah Day, Mrs. Orrin Day, Mrs. W. I. Jennings, Emily Becker, Margaret Bedell, Georgiana Jackson and Miss Whitbeck.

Mrs. Ira T. Tolley matron of the county house has also been prominent in charity work.

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Reference will be found elsewhere to the several clubs of the county which have been formed and presided over by women.

Probably the oldest woman of whom we have any record in Greene county was Lavina Allerton, a former resident of Cairo, who was born in a log house near that place in 1809 and who died at Newark, N. Y., in 1914, being 105 years old. She survived her husband by 40 years. Her generations are scattered all over the county and state.

Another old resident who died at Coxsackie last fall was Hannah Mackey, who had passed 90 years of age.

Mrs. Maria Doane of Catskill was another aged resident of the county who lived to the century mark.

Of the Darringer family Mrs. Dorothy Darringer of Catskill passed away at the age of 94 years.

Laura G., wife of the late Judson Wilcox died at her home in Catskill, Jan. 1900, from the effects of her injury two months before, when she fell and fractured her hip. During most of the time she had been a great though patient sufferer. She retained her remarkable mental faculties up to the last, reading from the papers, signing checks, etc., writing her name in regular and plain manner. She was 95 years and 5 months and the physicians declare that every organ of her body was in a perfectly healthy condition and had not the accident occurred she might have lived to 100 years. She had been a member of St. Luke's church over 50 years and was always deeply interested in the welfare of that society. Truly she went down to the grave full of years and good works. Mrs. Wilcox was born at Cortright, Delaware county, July 13th, 1804, and was united in marriage to Judson Wilcox Aug. 18, 1825, by the Rev. Elder Hobbie at Cortright. With her husband she came to Catskill in May, 1826, where she had since made her home and for more than 60 years had lived in the house where she died. Mr. Wilcox who was an authority on early history of Catskill was for more than 50 years in the grocery business on the corner opposite Geo. C. Fox's store. He died June 7th, 1879.

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The Oldest House on William Street, 1798.

Occupied by the Wilcox family since 1826, and where in 1836, Howard Wilcox was born. Judson Wilcox died in this house, 1879, also his wife, Mrs. Wilcox in 1900 at the age of 95.

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Among the inscriptions gathered from the local cemeteries by the writer of this book, which among is a considerable number of others was that of Ruth Croswell relict of Dr. Thomas O'Hara Croswell, one of the publishers of the Catskill Packet, to which we have referred. She died Jan. 7th, 1862, at the age of 96 years and 10 months. She was born in New England, saw George Washington, and her husband honored by him with the appointment of postmaster.

Miss Georgiana Jackson has taken great interest in the Humane Society of which she is a leader.

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ROWENA SCHOOL AT PALENVILLE.

The greatest monument ever erected to the memory of a woman in this state doubtless is the Rowena Memorial School building at Palenville, which was dedicated in 1900 and cost over \$50,000. The building is of picture or shell granite from the quarries of George W. Holdridge of Catskill, who erected the build-

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ing. It is a beautiful structure and will stand for all time. It was the gift to Palenville of L.W. Lawrence a New York man, who with his wife for many years spent their summers in that section. Mrs. Lawrence was greatly interested in the cause of education and the young, and as a beautiful and lasting tribute to her memory the school building was erected. It was also partially endowed.



### The Story of Rip Van Winkle—A Heartless Woman. An Imperishable Romance in Fiction.

Washington Irving gave to the Catskill region, a romance that has come down as one of the great pieces of fiction of the age, and has added much to the allurements of the grand old Catskills. Rip in his sleep of 20 years, and his pitiful return to the region of Sleepy Hollow, is not more pitiful than Gretchen, who was the personification of the Vixen in womankind.

An artist of 20 years ago has pictured the story so complete that we reproduce it above.

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### Women And The Franchise

Suffrage work was begun some forty years ago in Catskill, when a club was formed for the purpose of study, rather than of practical work. Speakers were brought to Catskill at that time Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, and Miss Harriet May Mills.

Four or five years ago Mrs. Joseph Malcolm was appointed Leader for Greene County, by the national American Woman Suffrage Association, but no active work was done at that time.

The next Suffrage meeting in Greene county was held, I think, at the home of Miss Margaret Bedell, on William street, in the Spring of 1910 or 1911, at which Mrs. Raymond Brown and another out-of-town Suffragist spoke.

In the Summer of 1911 Mrs. William Spencer Murray of New Haven, formerly Miss Ella Rush of Catskill, arranged and conducted a meeting at which she was the only speaker, at the Y. M. C. A. hall. It was very well attended and the receipts were more than satisfactory.

In September Mrs. Florence Maule Cooley spoke at the home of Mrs. Linnell in Jefferson, to about thirty people. Inspired by Mrs. Cooley's able talk, an informal club was organized, which met once or twice at the Heidleberg Inn as guests of Mrs. Beardsley. In the absence of Mrs. Malcolm Mrs. Linnell presided at these meetings.

In October Mrs. Murray held another small meeting at her former home on William street, when she gave a very interesting account of Suffrage in England, and told some of her own experiences in London and elsewhere.

About the third of January "General" Rosalie Jones and her little army of Suffragists marched through Catskill on their way to petition the legislature to pass the bill permitting women to watch at the polls during the election when their enfranchisement or non-enfranchisement should be decided. Mrs. Rose Livingston, called the Angel of Chinatown, who is not regularly a

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Suffrage worker, but a rescuer of young girls from the dives of Chinatown, told her own tragic, and unfortunately not singular, story to a crowd in front of the Court House, and awakened many to the necessity of Woman's place in the regulation of these things.

On January 14, 1914, the newly formed club secured Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association as a speaker and arranged a meeting for her at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, which was well attended, and which more than cleared expenses. County Sealer Adin E. Ballou was chairman of this meeting, and the numbers of the Suffragists were greatly argued afterward.

About the first of March, the National American Woman Suffrage Association sent Mrs. Frances Maule Bjorkman to Catskill to organize a formal club, this consisted primarily of the appointment of a chairman for each of the eleven districts into which, for the purpose of the campaign, New York State was divided. Mrs. Joseph Malcolm was appointed Leader for Greene county, and Mrs. Wardle, Miss S. Joseph, Mrs. E. Lasher, Mrs. John Salisbury, and Mrs. Linnell Captains.

A club, to be called the Equal Franchise League of Catskill was formed, with a constitution drawn up and duly signed at a meeting at which Mrs. Stuart Bentz was elected President, Mrs. Wardle Vice-President, Miss Emily F. Becker Treasurer, and Miss Antoinette Weed Secretary.

At a subsequent meeting Miss Gertrude Linnell was elected President and Miss Ione Schubert Treasurer. Regular monthly meetings have been held at the library on the last Friday of the month since that time, for the discussion of plans, and the arrangement of work.

On May the second, which was kept as Suffrage Day all through New York State, Catskill had an open air celebration at which the Rev. Mr. Hamm presided, and Miss Garrison and Mrs. Bjorkman spoke. A large collection was taken.

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About this time Headquarters were established on Main street, next door to the express office, where a large amount of literature was on sale, and a fine window display of posters and Current Suffrage News was shown.

On June the 5th the Greene county Suffrage Convention was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, presided over by Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance and Chairman of the Empire State Campaign Committee. At the evening meeting Mr. E. C. Hocmer, County Superintendent of Schools was Chairman, and made a warm address, which was followed by a Suffrage song rendered by the Eighth Grade Girls' Chorus. Afterwards Miss Linnell read a description of some Suffrage lantern slides, and Mrs. Catt made the address of the evening. Mrs. Bjorkman followed Mrs. Catt with a short talk

The following day, June the 6th, the Eastern New York State Suffrage Parade was held at Albany, and Catskill sent a delegation, headed by Master Nathan Bentz in a yellow and white Colonial costume, carrying a banner with the inscription "Taxation Without Representation is Tyranny."

A Suffrage Bridge and Tea Dansant for the benefit of the Equal Suffrage League was held at the Grant House on July 31, at which about twenty dollars were cleared.

A booth was secured at the Cairo Fair which was presided over by Mrs. Bjorkman, assisted by delegations from the Catskill and the Tannersville Suffrage clubs. A great number of people were reached in this way who had no idea of the meaning of the slogan, "Votes for Women!" Mrs. Francis Thurber of New York spoke on the second day.

A reception was held in honor of the Tannersville Equal Suffrage Club, on September 24, 1914, at the Heidelberg Inn, at which a large number of Suffragists turned out to welcome the ladies from Tannersville.

About the first of October Miss Edna Post was appointed Press Chairman for Greene county to succeed Miss Linnell, who had previously resigned from that post.





Carrie Chapman Catt, Suffragist.

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### ANOTHER REPORT OF SUFFRAGE.

In addition to the foregoing matter on the Suffragist movement we have received from Mrs. Joseph Malcolm a very interesting account, which we are giving in full. The Suffragist movement is showing great gains all over the country and it appears to be only a matter of a little time when the franchise will be extended to the women.

The Catskill Recorder of February 29th, 1884, contains the following, under the caption of Mrs. Blake's lecture. The Mrs. Blake to whom the article refers probably was Lillie Devreux Blake and this as far as is known was the first work for Woman Suffrage in Greene county.

"The world really does move and Woman Suffrage, a subject which but a few years ago was mentioned only to be ridiculed, is today exciting the interest and engaging the attention of men and women who can easily remember the time when they would have been ashamed to be detected countenancing the "woman's rights" movement in any manner. Evidence of the change the public mind has undergone and is undergoing is furnished in the manner and the character of the audience that met Mrs. Blake on Monday evening. Instead of the Corporal's Guard that formerly constituted the listeners when the occasion was the hearing of the story of woman's wrongs and rights, was a houseful, for the most part people of intelligence and refinement, the seats of the court room were all occupied, men and women stood in the aisles during the entire lecture, and many persons were turned away.

For an hour or two Mrs. Blake addressed her audience conversationally, speaking without notes and with no affectation of the rhetorical art of the stump speakers. She made a number of telling points in the course of her argument and the minds of the many present had presented to them, we trust convincingly, the harsh injustice and the outrageous wrongs which man since the creation has complacently regarded the natural lot and portion of women.

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The women who are engaged in this agitation for the suffrage do not desire to unsex themselves and their sisters. "We do not wish to be men" said Mrs. Blake, "God forbid!"

The leaders in this movement have been cruelly misrepresented and caricatured by would be wits: they are womanly women and thoroughly in earnest but not in the least ambitious to don the bifurcated garments of the sterner sex, or to assume any of the distinctive belonging or to usurp any of the special rights pertaining to masculinity. They believe that the sphere of woman's usefulness and her opportunities for self support should be enlarged. They believe that this can best be effected through the ballot, arguing that if woman had a vote she would be politically of much more consideration, and there is solid ground under the argument.

Mrs. Blake held the closest attention of her large audience throughout—not a person, not even one of those standing in the aisles, leaving the room till the lecture was over."

About ten years after Mrs. Blake's address the New York State Woman Suffrage Association began an active campaign in preparation for the constitutional convention, earnestly working to have the word "male" dropped from the constitution.

In March, 1894, there was held in the old opera house of Catskill, a convention in charge of Harriet May Mills, at which Susan B. Anthony and Dr. Anna Shaw spoke. At that time there was no suffrage organization in the county but Greene county is reported as having sent a petition to the convention of 2,904 names. Of these 2,085 were the names of men and 819 the names of women.

In the spring of 1895, the Political Equality Club of Catskill was organized, auxiliary to the State Association and for a period of four years paid dues to it. In the autumn of that year representatives from other towns in the county joined the club, which was then called the Greene County Political Equality Club. Mrs. Benjamin Wey, Mrs. Lizzie Fitch, Miss Fannie Wilcox, Mrs. L. Beach, Mrs. Hazard, Mrs. Root, Miss Hattie Root, Miss E. G.

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Root, Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. W. B. Phillips, Mrs. F. C. Hall, Miss Georgiana Jackson, Mrs. Anna B. Hill, Mrs. Charles Beardsley, Mrs. Robert Selden, Mrs. Richard Van Hoesen, Mrs. Joseph Malcolm of Catskill and Mrs. Wakely of Greenville, Mrs. Rufus King of Cairo and Mrs. Mc Ray of Coxsackie formed the active membership.

The semi-monthly meetings were usually held in the parlors of the women belonging to the club or in the Presbyterian lecture room. Fiske's Civil Government was studied and discussed and lectures by Miss Mills and other workers in the cause were of frequent occurrence. A petition was circulated about town and when a member of the club asked a well known citizen of Catskill to sign it, he exclaimed, "No indeed! I will not sign any such paper and in ten years time you women will be so ashamed of having put your names on it that you will want to hide your heads."

Twenty years have passed by since then, and all of the members who are living are still keeping up the fight, and one at least of the members often proudly claims the honor of being a pioneer in the cause. After being in existence four years and after the failure of the constitution convention to grant the request of the women of the state, the treasurer's report of the Equality Club pathetically states, "There is no money in the treasury, so the club died December 31st, 1898."

Until the time drew near for another convention to amend the State Constitution, very little interest was shown in Greene Co. An occasional talk by Miss Mills, who has always expressed a most hearty interest in this, one of the first fields of her life work, was the extent of the work for suffrage.

In the summer of 1912 the campaign work was begun by Mrs. Florence M. Cooley who talked to an interested gathering of representative women and a few men in Jefferson. Miss Rosalie Jones and Martha Klatschkeus, with others, on one of their automobile tours through the state, stopped and held a large, out-door mass meeting before the new court house. On the following day

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they appointed a leader for suffrage work in the county and a committee for campaign work in the election districts in the town. The following winter Dr. Anna Shaw gave one of her inimitable lectures in the Y. M. C. A. building and the Brotherhood of the Reformed Church challenged any two suffragists to meet two of the "brothers" in a debate on the subject. Mrs. Charles Wardle and Miss Gertrude Linnell bravely entered the contest. Although public speaking was an entirely new experience for them, the judges, Mrs. James P. Philip, the Rev. Mr. Tetley and Mr. Hocmer—declared the women winners by several points. The success of the debate started a demand for a permanent league, and the Equal-Suffrage League of Catskill was organized.

The summer of 1914 was indeed a busy time for suffragists all through the state, and Catskill valiantly worked to do her part in spite of discouragements. Much literature was distributed, through the mails, at meetings, left at public places, and handed out to passers-by on the street.

A Sunday in May was named as a Woman's Sunday and every minister of the gospel got a letter requesting him to urge women to work more earnestly for the betterment of women and children and especially wayward girls. In June a Greene County Suffrage Convention and school of methods was conducted by Mrs. Catt, chairman of the Empire State Campaign Committee. A very successful league was formed at Tannersville by Mrs. John Jay White, Mrs. Alexander and other cottagers at Onteora Park. They worked all through the mountain towns and had a booth at the Cairo Fair. Delegates from both leagues appeared before the Greene Co. Republican Convention at Tannersville, and Mrs. Raymond Brown, president of the State Woman Suffrage Association addressed the convention. The Catskill league sent delegates to the State Democratic and Republican Committees at Saratoga Springs. During the boarding season headquarters were opened on Main Street of Catskill and in the afternoon talks would be given and tea would be served. The Catskill Daily Mail, The Examiner, The Recorder and the Enterprise helped in every way.

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Meetings were held in New Baltimore, Coxsackie, Leeds, West Catskill, Cairo and many other places.

If the enfranchisement of the women of New York State is accomplished at the coming constitutional convention, or if there is another twenty years work ahead of us, we are ready for the future. We are better organized, have more money and more determination than ever before. Every year teaches women more politics, makes them better co-workers with men and women. There has never in the world's history been such a large, intelligent and enthusiastic body of citizens ready and eager to give of their time and their means for the betterment of their government. They are ready now for the vote. The opponents of the cause are the politicians with big money and little work, the grafters who fear women's well known economical use of money, and the white slavers who wish to keep good women out of all public places.

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### A Grand Charity

In the northern end of the village of Catskill, at the corner of New and High streets stands the Home for Aged Women of Greene County. It is the house known to old residents as the Wellington House which later became the property of Hattie Cowles Cater from whom it was purchased on the 2d day of Nov. 1908, by the corporation above named.

The house is on high ground yet easy of access, and is well adapted to the purposes of the Home, and when the necessary alterations were made, and a new system of lighting and heating were installed it became a model dwelling for those whose active years are passed and who need and deserve care and attention in their declining years.

Our county is small, and not wealthy. It was thought by many, therefore, that the dream of a Home to be supported by voluntary gifts was an idle dream indeed. Yet in the latter part of 1907 a small but earnest band of men and women saw the vision, and the way to its fulfillment, and on the 13th day of

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July 1908, a certificate of incorporation was granted to the " Home for Aged Women in Greene County."

In order to secure funds for the maintenance of the Home a committee was sent to each of the fourteen towns in the county for the purpose of forming auxiliary boards, each to have its own officers, and each board to solicit contributions of a small but stated sum of money from individuals in the respective towns, pledged for three consecutive years. This plan met with a most hearty response and the result enabled the incorporators to proceed confidently with the work of establishing and furnishing the Home. Early in the year 1909 it was opened, and was quickly filled with those who had long since applied for admission. From that time until the present moment the list of applicants has been far in excess of the number that can be cared for. There has been from the first, general recognition that the Home has attained a worthy success in its efforts to meet a real and urgent need. This success is due to the wise and careful inception of the undertaking to legal advice freely given—to busy men and women who have laid aside their pressing duties to aid those less fortunate, and to the generosity of doctors, merchants, tradesmen and farmers, none of whom has ever failed to respond to the call for help. A small but promising endowment fund has been started, and when that becomes large enough, the Home will be supported by its income. In the meantime it is largely dependent upon voluntary gifts.

The managers and directors look forward hopefully to the time when on this foundation of the year 1908 a Home of greater capacity may be established. Perhaps the next History of Greene County will record the erection of a Home for Aged Couples.

### **The Catskill Monday Club**

One of the foremost social organizations of Catskill and of Greene county as well, so far as the women are concerned, is the Monday Club.

This was organized in 1894 or 1895 and has represented the leading women of Catskill in social and literary effort.

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The charter members were Mrs. Benjamin Wey, Mrs. Samuel Penfield, Miss Mary B. Penfield, Miss Sarah Beach, Miss Georgiana Jackson, Mrs. Adelaide Elting Harris, Mrs. E. E. Elliott, Mrs. F. H. Osborn, Mrs. A. L. Fitch, Miss Emily Becker. Seven of these are still members, and to that number as the years have passed has been added a large number. During the winter season each year a literary program is taken up and the interesting and instructive papers that have been written would form a great volume. Miss Mabel V. Root is president of the organization. The winter program comprised papers by Miss Root, Miss Gertrude Gardner, Mrs. Solloway, Miss Mary Hale, Mrs. S. H. Root, Miss Elizabeth Chapman, Mrs. J. Lewis Malcolm, Miss Louise Driscoll, Mrs. E. E. Elliott, Miss Edith Root, Mrs. J. A. Dykstra, Mrs. F. H. Osborn, Mrs. G. P. Grout, Mrs. Benjamin Wey, Miss Charlotte DuBois, Miss Elizabeth Fitch, Miss Emily Becker, Miss Georgiana Jackson, Mrs. Clarence Howland, Miss Anna B. Phelps, Miss Sarah Beach.

### Order Eastern Star



There are a number of other organizations in the county in which the women are at the head. They are successful in their work and without doubt fill an important place in the welfare of the county. In the absence of detailed information we give the facts that are at hand. Probably the most flourishing is the Order of Eastern Star, an affiliation of the Masonic fraternity, with organizations at Catskill, Cairo, Oak Hill and Windham.

Catskill Chapter 293 was organized in August, 1903, with 21 members, and at present has over 100. The charter officers were: Mrs. Fannie C. Mott, worthy matron, Geo. F. Mott, worthy patron, Mrs. E. M. Post, assistant matron, Annie E. Banks, treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Horton, secretary, Gretta D. Thorpe, conductress, Victoria Hallenbeck, assistant conductress, William E. Thorpe, conductor, Miss Conklin, organist, Mrs. N. E. Hill, warden, Geo. N.



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Hill, sentinel, Esther Hallenbeck, Adah, Sarah J. Hill, Ruth, Elise Hansen, Martha, Mrs. M. E. Maguire, Electa.

The present officers are: Mrs. Alice P. Magee, worthy matron, Lewis R. Magee, worthy patron. Miss Mabel G. Hill associate matron, Mrs. Middie D. Haines, treasurer, Mrs. Emma S. Barnard, secretary, Mrs. Jennie A. Whitcomb, conductress, Miss Martha J. Ernest, associate conductress, Mrs. Fannie C. Mott, trustee for 3 years.

### The New Year Club

One of the new organizations of 1915 was the New Years Club of Catskill. One thing appears certain and that is whatever their aims may be they are always up to date: Mrs. Geo. Egnor, president, Mrs. C. W. Overbaugh, vice-president, Mrs. H. R. Hinman, secretary, Mrs. L. K. Austin, treasurer.

### Daughters of Rebekah-415 I. O. O. F.

The officers installed are as follows: P. N. G. Mrs. Rachel Smith, N.G. Mrs. Mabel Beare, V.G. Mrs. Helen Bates, Sec. Mrs. Sarah Hill. Treas. Mrs. Mary Caniff, R. S. N.G. Miss Antionette Bloom, L.S.N.G. Mrs. Alice Egnor, R.S.V.G. Miss Lena Conklin, L. S. V. G. Mrs. Ella VanDyke, Warden, Miss Josephine Castle, Conductress, Miss Eva Hardwick, Chaplin, Mrs. Winifred Travis, I. G. Mrs. Lena Delamater, O. G. Mrs. Kate Lampman, R. A. G. Miss Mildred Myers, L. A. G. Mrs. Jennie Hughes, Organist Miss Goldie Cuer, Degree Master, Mrs. Winifred Travis.

### Ladies of The Maccabes No 128

The officers of the Ladies of the Maccabes are:—Com., Mrs. Luella Brandow; Lieut. Com., Nancy Youmans; Past Com., Mrs. Elizabeth E. Klepser; Chap., Mrs. Mary Hammer; Record Keeper Mrs. Mabel Hallenbeck; Lady-at-Arms, Hattie Carpenter; Finance Auditor, Ruth Carpenter; Sergeant, Mrs. Catharine Gehbauer; Sentinel, Mrs. Alice Egnor; Picket, Mrs. Chas. Cummings; Official Prompter, Mrs. Katharine Cummings; Musician, Agnes Youmans; Capt. of Guard, May Smith; 1st Color Bearer, Olive Smith; 2d Color Bearer, Hazel Carpenter.

### **Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association**

The Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association of St. Patrick's church is a fraternal organization similar to the Knights of Columbus, and has been doing a good work. It was organized in Catskill about 1900, and has 50 members. The officers are: Mrs. P. D. Hitchcock, Pres., Mrs. Ellen Cooney, 1st V. P., Mrs. Joseph Hoy 2d V. P., Mrs. Medard Pierre, P. Pres., Miss Mary Shade, Treas., Miss Katharine O'Conner, Fin. Sec., Mrs. Mary Tynan, Rec., Miss Catharine Quinn, Ass't Rec., Mrs. Nora Hass, Guard, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaffney, Marshal.

Cairo has a chartered organization of Camp Fire Girls, starting off with eighteen members, and Mrs. Ira Tolley as Guardian.

### **Royalty at Leeds**

One of the most sightly and imposing structures in the Catskill Mountains was completed last summer on the Potic Mountain near Leeds and overlooks the valley of the Catskill. It is the property of two London women. The building has the appearance of one of the old Rhine castles. It was built under the direction of John Benn, a former member of Parliament of Greenwich, who has been conspicuous in the English navy, being a lieutenant commander. The Misses Benn are ladies of culture and their beautiful home is furnished with antiques representing the early English and continental orders.

Catskill has two fountains erected by women. The first one was the Frances Willard memorial fountain, erected by the W. C. T. U. of Catskill, in honor of the greatest of all temperance workers and orators, Miss Frances Willard, who was at the head of the Woman's Christian Temperance work in the United States, and who helped to organize the Union in Greene county. The date of the organization is uncertain, but it was about 1880. The fountain is located on Main street, near the postoffice, and gets a supply of the best and purest water from the spring on the H. L. Boughton place.

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The second fountain is located near the head of Main street and was the gift of Mrs. H. L. Boughton who has always taken a great interest in Catskill. The water is from the spring on her place and a gift.

**Madam Jane Goelet Dise**



**Madam Jane Dise,  
Courtesy of Robert Story.**

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Before we leave the subject it would seem that further reference should be made to Madam Jane Dise, wife of John Dise, a major in the English army. He is said to have been a deserter, and that he fled from New York and came to Catskill around 1762 with his wife, and to have secreted himself in a secret chamber in the old house when the British made a search for him. He was said to be very intemperate. Jane Dise was the child of Jacob Goelet of Albany and later of New York. She died in March 1799 and the grave once on the farm of Huybartus Du Bois at Catskill is now marked on the Du Bois plot, where F. N. Du Bois on the old farm has gathered together the Du Bois generations. A complete list of these generations will be found under the article in reference to F. N. Du Bois. The old house in which she lived was known as Dise Folly, and later as the Old Stone Jug. It was built of sand stone imported by a sloop from the quarries at Nyack. The picture of Jane Dise which we show was taken when she was about 16 years of age. Though beautifully dressed for the period in which she lived she was bare footed. John Dise is said to have built one of the first saw mills and grist mills at Gilboa. The date and place of his burial is not known.

John Dise to whom we have referred came to New York in 1743.

### Some Of The Old Dutch

Johan Wilhelm Brandow to whom several hundred families in Greene county trace was a Palantine and came to this country in 1710, settling on the Loveridge Patent. He had four sons and two daughters. Nicholas, who lived at Catskill, Johannis who settled at Athens, Frederick who settled at West Camp, Godfrey who settled at Athens, Ann Elizabeth settled at West Camp and married Peter Schumecher, Anna married Hannes Schermerhorn.

From the first generations of these children there were 51 descendents. All having raised large families. Nicholas 8, Anna 8, Frederick 8, Johannis 9, Godfrey 9, Elizabeth 9.

Then we get the Overbaughs, Schumakers, Lohmans, Van-

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denburghs, Defours, Welshs, Grooms, Coyns, Allens, Webbers, Ecklers, Lampmans, Bogarduses, Planks, Ostranders, Dedericks, Beckers, Hallenbecks, and a great many families of Brandows. Brandows in Catskill, Athens, Coxsackie, West Camp, Greenville, and all over the county. The great Brandow printing house in Albany is run by descendents of the Greene county family, and Sheriff I. W. Brandow traces to the same source.



Col. B. B. G. Stone.

Col. B. B. G. Stone, frequently pictured as Rip Van Winkle, was many years a land mark of the Catskill section, and was famous as an artist, and a man of great literary ability. He served in the Rebellion, and was connected with the Du Bois family.

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Jan Wilhelm Dederick was also a Palantine and came to this country from Wurttemberg in 1710. He settled at West Camp, and the Dedericks rival the Brandows for generations, and are still in Catskill and various sections of the county. Jan had three children, but his daughter Maria married Heinrich Graat and had 10 children, his son married Eva Graat and had 9 children, Jurry William did not believe in unlucky numbers and had 13 children.

There were two families of the original stock of the Halenbecks, Casper Jacobus, 1654, but where they came from we have not learned. They settled in the town of Athens and have a host of descendants.

Abraham Person settled on the Loveridge Patent in 1733, and he had 11 children. Their generations remain and have greatly increased.

Sylvester Salisbury came from England in 1664 Their generations remain.



Reformed (Schuneman) Church at Old Catskill (Leeds).

Herman Schunemann, Captain of the Palantines, came to this country from Hamburg, Germany in 1708, and his children found their way to Catskill: Martin Schunmann, Catherina, Hendrick, Wilhelmina and Johannes. Johannes became pastor of

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churches at Catskill and Coxsackie, and preached in them for over 40 years. Elsewhere we present a picture of the old parsonage, at Leeds occupied by him.



Familiar Insignia of the Old Dutch.

Martin Garretsen Van Bergen came from the New Netherlands in 1640, and located at Rensselaerwyck. He was a great man and a member of the Government's Council. He was very wealthy and occupied a mansion on the west side of the Hudson. He had lands on the Catskill Patent, Coxsackie Patent and Corlarskill Patent. He was shot and killed by the Indians in 1696, while occupying the Van Rensselaer place. He had 12 children, and the Van Bergens remain a great family.

The Van Ordens came on the Loveridge patent in 1746, from Kingston. William Van Orden had 7 children. A great family and it would take many pages of this book to trace them. They are all about the county and state.

Dirk Tunisse Van Vechten was among the first settlers and he came to this country in 1636, settling at Greenbush. He came from Norway or Holland and had 12 children, and they prospered in every way.

All these early families appear to have raised families of stirring qualities as well as numbers.

Abraham and Catharine Schuyler had 15 children. Samuel and Sara Overbaugh had 10. Nicholas and Maria Spoor had 10. Isaac and Sarah Collier had 10. Martje Van Vechten had two husbands and had 11 children. And 8 to 10 appears to have been the average family.

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### Frederick Nelson DuBois

The picture of the Du Bois Mansion and Portrait of Mr. Du Bois will be found in the front of the book.

Frederick Nelson Du Bois was born October 6, 1829, and was the son of John D. Du Bois to whom we have referred. He was born in Catskill, and learned the trade of a silver smith with his brother at Buffalo. In 1855 he moved to Chicago, and in 1862 was working in the gold mines of Colorado, having with him his wife and two children. He was foreman, builder and conductor of several mines, but lost everything when the works were destroyed by fire. In 1871 he went into business in New York.

Most wonderful has been the transformation during the past years on the property known as the Du Bois place owned by F. N. Du Bois well known to every resident of Catskill. The old homestead which was one of the early landmarks, near the mouth of the Catskill creek, has been rebuilt and changed into a place of great beauty. On the flats where formerly the tides swept a marsh field, a great sweeping terrace keeps out the floods and encloses a sunken garden, with flower beds, tennis court, driveways, etc. The frontage is securely docked and has a fine boat house and an ice house, cold storage, and a very pretty cottage and barns. Under the trees in a quiet plot near the entrance to this place have been gathered by Mr. Du Bois in a well kept enclosure the generations of the Du Bois family.

The farm has been trimmed and garnished with all the beauty of skilled landscape men, and seems like a great park with its roadways and drives set with shrubs, cairns, statues, etc.

Topping the hillside at the East end of Grandview avenue is the sightly and beautiful mansion of Mr. Du Bois which overlooks the Hudson for many miles, and which catches the eye of all who pass up and down the river. This was built in 1898 by Edwin Lampman. It is furnished in keeping with the exterior, and shows much that is valuable and beautiful. One of the choice gems of his library is the costly and voluminous family history



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which covers several hundred pages and contains much early and valuable history and records.

Adjoining the mansion are the barns and farm buildings, bowling alleys, and the commodious homestead building occupied by Mr. T. J. Reilly, a nephew, the head farmer and his family.

The Du Bois place forms a part of the original patent to Mr. Loveridge, embracing about 6000 acres.

The Du Bois family has had a long and honorable record. See generations on another page.

Tracing down to the present owner F. N. Du Bois who on Tuesday, October 6th, 1914 celebrated his 85th birthday, he has occupied the place for the past 23 years and has become an integral part of Catskill history and society, and he has expended in improvements on the place probably \$100,000. Clinging like an ivy vine to a sturdy oak, he has entwined his affections about the interests and life of Catskill. Whether it was a new and better water supply, village improvement, church extension and maintenance, schools or charity he has steadfastly stood at the front unassuming and unostentatious but always liberal and generous to a fault. It was his love for the young men of Catskill and the upbuilding of the moral interests of the town that prompted him to turn over to Catskill \$30,000 for a Y. M. C. A. building, which a credit to all, and a beautiful structure, complete and commodious adorns Main street. Nor has his giving since been other than bountiful for its maintenance.

It was his careful planning and energy that saved to the business life of Catskill the street railroad, into which he put a large sum of money on several occasions. First several years ago, and then again in 1914 when it went into the receiver's hands. Under his plans maturing the creditors of the road will not lose a dollar.

Mr. Du Bois has been for many years at the head of a successful plumbing supply business in New York.

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DU BOIS CEMETERY.

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Generations of the Du Bois's, interred in the Du Bois plot on the Du Bois Homestead, gathered from many points by Frederick N. Du Bois, of Catskill.

Joel Du Bois, born May 25, 1762, died April 29, 1844. (A Minute Man in the Revolution.

Cornelia, wife of Hybarius Du Bois, died August 25, 1795. Aged sixty-eight years.

Emily Ann, daughter of Isaac J. Du Bois, born January 10, 1817, died April 2, 1841.

Annaetje, daughter of Col. Cornelius Du Bois and Catharine Vanderpoel, wife of Joel Du Bois, born Mar. 17, 1769, died May 11, 1846.

Edward B. Manning, died February 22, 1861, aged two months and nine days.

Joel Du Bois, born Nov. 6, 1803, died Nov. 3, 1890.

Sally J. Hunter, wife of Joel Du Bois, born Jan. 12, 1810, died April 17, 1858.

Marry Ann, daughter of Joel and Sally Jane Du Bois, born July 22, 1845, died Nov. 7, 1848.

Catherine Du Bois, wife of John Du Bois, died August 24, 1850, aged eight-five years.

Gitty Du Bois, died October 16, 1814, aged fifty-two years.

Caty Du Bois, died August 3, 1796, aged thirty-three years.

John Du Bois, born March 25th, 1760, died July 30, 1841, aged eight-one years.

Fennet Du Bois, died May 15, 1794, aged thirty-four years, four months and fourteen days.

Isaac Du Bois, died October 8, 1795, aged sixty-four years, four months and eight days.

Lanah Du Bois, died Feb. 25, 1795, aged sixty-four years, nine days.

James Du Bois, born March 17, 1786, died January 4, 1871.

Esther, child of Robert F. and Esther Story, died October 17, 1877, aged three years and two months.

Little Frank, aged one month and twenty-six days.

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Esther Du Bois, wife of Robert F. Story, born August 28, 1833, died August 16, 1891.

Elizabeth Abeel, wife of N. Hunter Du Bois, died September 17, 1898, aged sixty-five years.

N. Hunter Du Bois, died October 13, 1892, aged sixty-four years.

### (BIG TABLET.)

Lewis Du Bois, born at Wigcres, near Lille, France, 1626. A Huguenot refuge to American. Settled at Esopus, now Kingston, N. Y., 1660. First Elder of French Reformed Church, New Paltz, 1663. Died at Kingston 1695.

Solomon, fifth son of Lewis Du Bois, born at Kingston, N. Y., 1669. Purchased land of about 900 acres at Catskill 1720. Died at New Paltz 1757.

Bejamin, second son of Solomon Du Bois, born at New Paltz, 1697. Settled upon his father's land at Catskill in 1728 and made additional purchase of over 500 acres. Died at Catskill 1767.

This Tablet was placed in the cemetery by F. N. Du Bois in June, 1907.

William, son of John D. and Rebecca Du Bois, died October 2, 1834, aged eighteen years, three months and twenty-four days.

John D. Du Bois, died June 3, 1845, aged sixty-one years, two months and thirteen days.

Rebecca Overbaugh, wife of John D. Du Bois, died March 14, 1869, aged eighty-two years.

Jane Dise, wife of John Dise, died March 5, 1799, aged seventy-eight years.

James Goelet, son of John Dies and Rebecca Du Bois, born July 2, 1818, died February 25, 1898.

Jane, wife of James G. Du Bois, died December 12, 1848, aged twenty-eight years.

Lewis Du Bois, born July 15, 1809, died May 23, 1876.

Elizabeth B., wife of Lewis Du Bois, born June 15, 1807, died May 5, 1864.

Lewis, son of Lewis and Reuhamay Du Bois, born February 15, 1870, died July 23, 1900.

Peter Schutt, born April 24, 1789, died December 28, 1863.

Rachael Rightmyer, wife of Peter Schutt, died August, 18, 1870, aged eighty-two years and seven months.

The cemetery is forty-four feet by eighty feet.

First interment was Mrs. Isaac Du Bois, 1793.



### **Capt. Jacob Dunham**

Among the remarkable characters who have resided in Greene county, perhaps no man ever had a more exciting life than Captain Jacob Dunham, and if we had the space to tell fully his experiences it would be very interesting matter.

Captain Dunham was a sea going man and had experiences that read like creations of Mayne Reid. Living in the time when pirates sailed the seas and when the English war vessels were blockading the coasts of this country he encountered all the varied experiences that have made the foundations of marine fiction. Captured by the English war vessels on two occasions, and captured by pirates and by Indians, running the blockades successfully, and making no less than nineteen sea voyages, he finally died a battered piece of humanity in his home town Catskill, having lost every penny of his fortune.

He was a wonderful man and when near the close of his

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life an effort was made to have the government compensate him for the piratical robberies on the ocean that had taken his all, his character was vouched for in a certificate that was signed by Thomas O'Hara Croswell, postmaster of Catskill, Hon. Malbon Watson, Hon. John Adams, Caleb Day, Orrin Day, Zadock Pratt, T. B. Cooke, Jacob Haight, Robert Dorlon, James Power and other great men of Greene county.

Captain Dunham came to Catskill in 1785, with his father who was an officer in the American Navy during the Revolutionary war, and who followed the sea all his life.

In his book of voyages he says that at that time there were only seven houses in Catskill, and that his father purchased a half acre of ground where the Greene County Hotel now stands. This was on what is now the court house lot, as may be seen by reference to the map of the burned district in 1851, found on page 61 of this history.

In 1793 he was an apprentice in the office of the Catskill Packet, published by Mackey and Thomas Croswell, printers. He then went to Charlestown, S. C., where he was employed in a printing office, returning to Catskill in 1800. Then he went to boating on the Hudson, Then back to the printing business.

He married Fannie Morgan of Catskill, 1801, made sea voyages to Charleston, Savannah and to St. Croix.

Then he was fourth owner of a packet sloop with T. B. and A. Cooke between Catskill and New York and he made money.

In 1813 however he purchased the sea going sloop, Rover, a condemned vessel in New York, which had broken timbers, no top mast and rotten planks covered with leather patches to keep out the sea water.

Into that tub he put 500 barrels of flour and 70 barrels of bread and ran the English blockade to Providence. He loaded with lumber and started to return. At Stonington he was taken by three war ships and after being allowed to go on shore and raise \$100 as ransom he was permitted to sail back to New York, the English captain having taken pity on him. Not only that but he

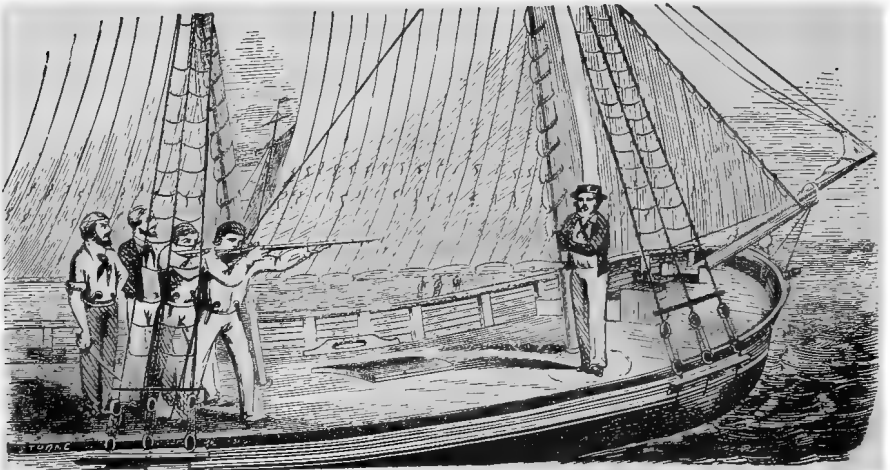
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was given a passport for another trip. This stood him in good when a few weeks later the same man of war captured him again.

Later on after having made a lot of money he sold the Rover for \$450, the boat having cost him \$125. And the boat went to pieces at once.

He then had a half interest in the Sloop New York with the Cookes of Catskill, and took a cargo of potatoes, onions, salt, cheese, ropes, etc. from Catskill to Norfolk, Va., and while he reached Norfolk all right after a rough experience, the boat was captured by a man of war, the Sophia 20 guns, and the Acton 16 guns. The capture of Captain Turner of the American brig commander put them in good spirits and Capt. Dunham and his men were put ashore and returned to Catskill.



Capt. Dunham lined up before the Pirates, and informed that he is to be shot. Picture by courtesy of Judge Chase.

Then he took charge of the Cyngus of New York and made a trip to Bermuda and Turks Island for salt. At Musquite Island they fell in with a privateer named Capt. Mitchell, and with him made an attack on Gov. Gonzales at St. Andrea's island. They captured the governor and Mitchell caused him to be hanged from

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a yard arm. Captain Mitchell at that time boasted that he had killed 100 Spaniards with his own hands, because of ill treatment they had given him.

Dunham after having made a very successful trade at St. Andrea's was captured by the Indians and lost his ship. It was a long time before he found his way back to Jamaica.

In February 1817 he took charge of the sloop Governor Tompkins and again sailed for Old Providence. This trip was a success.

In 1821 he was again in partnership with Apollos Cooke of Catskill and sailed the Combine, was captured by Portuguese pirates who robbed them of everything, beat them and finally set them adrift.

The last voyage made by him was in 1842 in the sloop First Counsel, but this boat sunk, while at anchor near Pokeepsie, and after being raised, the wreckers charge not being met the sloop was siezed and sold for less than the charge.

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## Famous Wooden Bridges

The old bridge at Catskill was authorized to be built in 1801, by an act of the legislature, and was 550 feet in length, and 20 feet in width. It was a wooden structure, and a portion of the footpath was covered. The red store of Jacob Bogardus, now occupied by Grocer Fred Woolhiser, was on one side, and the residence of Terrance Donnelly on the other. Dr. Porter, of the Presbyterian Church, officiated at the opening of the bridge. There was a draw on the side next to the Raynor elevator, which swung on a pivot, or hinge. Foot passengers were required to pay 3 cents, and teams from 25 to 31 cents. It was torn down in 1881, and for a year the crossing was made on oil barrels, which formed a pontoon bridge. Hiram Van Steenburgh built this strange pontoon bridge. The new iron bridge was completed in 1882, and cost \$52,000.

The upper iron bridge was built in 1869, and cost \$22,500. This bridge was finally condemned, and the structure dynamited to make room for the \$40,000 concrete bridge.

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Judge Chase has some of the old bridge tickets in his possession. One of these reads, "Catskill Bridge Company. This will pass two-horse wagon one way, 25 cents."



Charles A. Post.

### **The Post Family**

While we are dealing with the early residents of the river section of Greene county, there are none that have figured more favorably, than the Posts. Just when they came to this country we cannot say, and all that we know is that Abram Post settled in the Embocght about 1800, and was the father of Abram Post who was born in Catskill in 1808. Abram Post, father of Charles A. Post occupied the farm in the Embocght and was a model farmer in every way.



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The Post homestead is situated about 4 miles south of Catskill and had been in their possession over 100 years, when Charles A. Post consented to the taking over of the property for the great million dollar cement plant at Alsen. He moved to the old historical Story farm which he purchased of Robert F. Story, and has lived there ever since. The old homestead farmhouse is occupied by the cement people.

Steady going, honest and honorable in every way Posts have forged to the front and written nobly on the historical fabric of the county.

Ex-Sheriff Charles A. Post, many times supervisor of Catskill was born on the old farm in 1837. He was married April 7, 1859 to Hannah Winans, who passed away Sept. 19, 1914. They had 6 children, Mary M., who is dead, Edith P. who married Wm. G. Trumbour, Annette, Charles E., Willis W. and Abram, the last named being sheriff of Greene county and also under sheriff under Hardy Stewart, his father-in-law and also under his father.

It is interesting to note that during the life of Abram Post father of Charles A. Post, on the night of October 17, 1873, at the old homestead occurred the great robbery that filled the news columns of the press of that period. It was one of the boldest robberies of the period. Mr. Post and his wife, and Edward Post and Sarah Post were at home, and they were the victims of the masked men, 6 in number who bound them and proceeded to take whatever they could find of value. They got gold watches, spoons, \$400 in bonds, a check of \$1200 and \$400 in cash, and departed. Detectives trailed them for some time and finally after the gang had robbed a family named Ford in Connecticut, another named Sutton on Staten Island and Judge Emmett at White Plains, the gang was located in a house on Canal Street, New York City which they had made their rendezvous. They watched them by the aid of glasses for some time, and finally made a descent in which the robbers were rounded up at the point of the revolver.

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They were convicted and sentenced to long terms in prison. Most of the property taken from the Posts was recovered.

Mr. Post is one of the few men who has been said to have carried the vote of Greene county in his pocket. And all of this was because of his personal magnetism, generous and whole souled nature. If "Charlie Post" —always unassuming and retiring, modest to a fault—could be prevailed upon to become a candidate for office his election was only a question of how big his friends would make the majority, and the fact that the town was politically against him made not the slightest difference. As supervisor of the town of Catskill he gained the distinction of being the friend of all and the town profited immensely by his being at the helm. He would have been continued as sheriff indefinitely had the law permitted. In fact he could have had most any office within the gift of his party had he desired it.

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### **The Catskill Improvement Association**

The Catskill Association was formed in 1837 for the purpose of improving Catskill and "other purposes" according to the announcement of the organization. It had a capital stock of \$746,000 and \$74,600 was appropriated for improvements of land of the association and the officers were George S. Doughty president, Evan Griffeth treasurer, L. B. Woodruff counsellor, and Thomas Duguid secretary.

The first object named and duly mapped was a railroad from Catskill to Canajoharie, work of which was under way. And the second object was a proposed canal to connect with the Erie Canal at Canajoharie, and this is duly mapped in the papers that have been loaned to us. It was stated in the plan that Catskill had 3000 inhabitants, 40 shops and stores, 20 sloops and other river craft, and unlimited docking facilities. It was also announced "That a steamboat would be able to go to New York and back the same day." The canal would be 65 miles in length and the railroad 80 miles. A meeting at the court house in the interest of this project was held and a resolution passed in favor of this project, being signed by Thomas Cooke, John Adams, Orrin Day,

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Ezra Hawley, Jacob Haight, Peter Breasted, Hiram Comfort, Isaac Van Loan, P. T. Mesick, Amos Cornwall, John M. Donnelly, Francis Sayre, Malbon Watson, Caleb Day, S. L. Penfield, Luke Kiersted, F. N. Wilson, Horace Willard, J. R. Greene, Joshua Atwater, John Thompson, Caleb Hopkins, Robert Dorland, Frederick Hill, Tuzar Buckley, S. Sherwood Day, Judson Wilcox, John R. Sylvester, Leonard Kingsley, Edmund Hatfield, John Van Vleck, Robert Harrison, Edgar Day, J. W. Baldwin, Geo. Hardenburgh, Wilkes Hyde, Henry Mc Kinstry, Francis Marvin, Ira Du Bois, Nathan Farrell, Peter Schaurman, George Marvin, Caleb Crosswel, John Abeel, T. C. Atwater, John Rowe, Stephen Bosworth, Ephraim Beach.

### **Greene County's Constitutional Revisionist**



H. Jeroy Austin.

There are few young men in the State of New York who

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have risen to prominence and have a more brilliant career before them than H. L. Austin, of Catskill, and there have been many men who have been conspicuous in every way. He is a favorite son of Greene county and it is with pleasure that we are able to include him in the list of brilliant men who have made the county what it is.

Barely past the 40 year line, he has become one of the greatest corporation attorneys in the state, representing the great New York Central Lines the past three or four years, and just at present is conspicuous as having been selected by a splendid majority to represent the Empire state in the Constitutional Convention. Broad minded, public spirited and capable beyond the average man, he is of all others the one to fill with credit the post of responsibility.

He served eight years as chief of the finance bureau, State Comptroller's office; District Attorney of Greene County, by appointment of Governor Hughes; conducted investigations into municipal affairs in Westchester and Broome counties by designation of then Comptroller Martin H. Glynn, and in Schenectady county by designation of Comptroller Williams. As a result of his investigations a judgment for over \$60,000 was recovered for fees illegally taken from the County of Westchester; in Broome county the County Treasurer and Clerk of Board of Supervisors convicted of misappropriation of county funds and over \$25,000 recovered by the county; in Schenectady county, members of the Board of Supervisors and others convicted and about \$10,000 recovered from a former sheriff.

In 1910 Mr. Austin was designated by Governor Hughes to investigate the purchases of lands in the Adirondacks by the State, and unearthed great frauds, leading Governor Hughes to appoint him Forest, Fish and Game Commissioner of the State.

It was during this sweeping reform that Mr. Austin brought about while he was at the head of the Forest, Fish and Game Commission that he had occasion to meet out a little justice in Greene county of the sort that has always stamped him as a great man.

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Just about the time he went into office there was a poor lumberman named Walter Dederick of Leeds, who had cleared a piece of land and because of sickness had not been able to take care of the tops. Some game warden got in line and a fine of \$200 was levied upon Mr. Dederick, who had the double misfortune of having lost his leg in a lumber camp. It was a grave injustice, and the first thing that Mr. Austin did was to proclaim it as such, and then he went down into his pocketbook and paid that little fine.

And there you have the calibre of the man who is going to go a good deal higher in the political field before he is through.

He is at present associated with Messrs. Visschn~~e~~r & Walen of Albany, under the name of Visschner, Walen & Austin.

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### Individual Money

It may be interesting to know that there was a very great scarcity of money in Catskill and all through Greene county during the period of the Rebellion, and that while the country was overrun with coins of the size of pennies, that became known as tokens, individual firms had shin-plasters and many issued tickets that went as money. Judge Chase has in his collection of curios, 167 varieties of these early tokens, and a collection of tickets that went as money.

Some of these read:

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Due the Bearer  
2 CENTS  
At Wicks Market  
.....

.....  
Good for  
2 CENTS  
At Meech & Bagleys Store  
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.....  
Good for  
2 CENTS  
At My office in Leeds  
Or at the Fiero Stores  
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Good for  
3 CENTS  
At Julius Sauls  
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He also has a collection of script of the Old Greene County Bank, and the Catskill bank: in denominations from One Dollar and a Half to \$100.

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He also has one of the tickets used at the time of the Walsh trial. This read:

Supreme Court, Greene County,  
Admit Bearer  
Platt Coonley, Sheriff of Greene County

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### A Great Inventor From Prattsville

Wm. Bullock, we are informed was born at Greenville and subsequently removed to Prattsville where he worked in a printing office. He was a great genius and invented while at that place the first rotary perfecting printing press in the country, which printed from a roll and finished both sides at once. This was the greatest invention in printing and many others have taken up the Bullock idea. In 1849 he is said to have removed from Prattsville to Catskill and to have been connected with a paper published at Prattsville and moved to Catskill. It is likely this paper was the American Eagle, though the historian has it that he published the Banner of Union in Catskill. The Eagle was changed to the Banner of Industry, also Democratic Herald by Lyman Tremaine, and subsequently merged with the Recorder. In 1867 Mr. Bullock was hurt while putting up one of his presses at Philadelphia, his death being the result.

William Bullock married Emily Rundell, a Greenville woman, and he had two sons, one of whom, William, was at Prattsville last summer, on a visit to the Maces, who are related to him. The other son is Harry Bullock. After the death of William Bullock, Mrs. Bullock moved to Prattsville, and subsequently married Danforth Frair. Through Sidney Crowell, she was able to recover \$5000, and Mr. Crowell got \$500 for getting it. The facts in regard to the suit, we do not know.

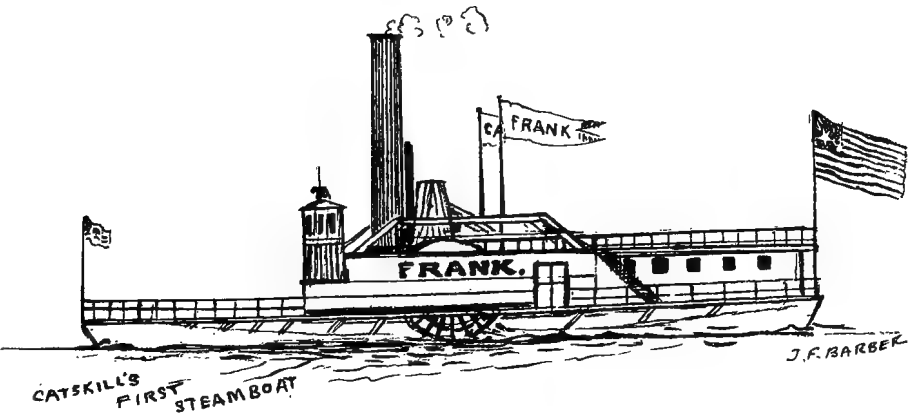
He was born in 1814 and died in 1867, and Mr. Crowell who recovered the money for the heirs was at that time practicing law at Prattsville. Mr. Bullock tried in vain to have the patent on his press renewed. At the time of the invention he was operating a foundry at Ashland.

### First Catskill Steamer

Geo. Halcott of Catskill was engineer.

A man of considerable note, the town of Halcott being named after him.

The representation below of The Frank which we are informed was the first steamboat running from Catskill to New York and it was around 1837. The drawing is from a picture in the possession of Judge Chase and is prized by him, as there are few if any other pictures of the boat. This boat ran semi-weekly trips to New York. The first ferry was a scow propelled by oars, and then after many years that was succeeded by a horse power ferry, and then the A. F. Beach.



The Frank 1837,

Talk about Longfellow and Bryant and all the other great poets, in 1837 there was printed a big volume of poems entitled the "Farmers Muse" written by Benjamin Hine of Cairo. A well bound leather covered volume of 273 pages. And the book was a seller. Mr. Hine we find was a celebrated character in his native town, and familiarly known as Big Ben Hine, and also as Old Ben Hine.

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### **Cholera in Catskill**

Catskill was visited by the cholera in 1832, 1834, 1849 and again in 1854, and the plague was laid to the conditions that were permitted to exist in the neighborhood of the Hoponose and along Greene street. There were several slaughter yards in that section, and the enormous catches of herring, which were stored there, were allowed to rot and create a very filthy condition. Captain John H. Bagley, in his reminiscence says that in 1854 there were 300 cases of cholera in Catskill, and a very large proportion of that number died. There was no rain from May to September, and the cholera period extended over a part of May, June, July, August and September.

A great many people left Catskill and went into the mountain section, and were safe. Ministers and doctors were among the number leaving the place, though Dr. George A. Howard, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is said to have returned to Catskill to assist in the funeral work. Of the physicians who remained, Dr. Bell was stricken and died. He revived, however, after he had been placed in a coffin, and climbed out and got a gun to shoot the persons who had laid him out, but soon passed away. Men were walking the street, and a few hours later were dead. One woman, Mrs. Philip Brown recovered after being in her coffin, and lived for years. Cholera, yellow fever and small pox, appear to have been disease of filth, and made terrible ravages.

Harmony Lodge was organized in 1795, and Stephen and Ira Day were second and third on the record. There was another man named Whittemore, and the early scribe thus writes his immortal epitaph, possibly epithet:

"Mister Whittemore, Axed sixpence to bore a small gimlet hole thro a mop pole."

This certainly was shocking.

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In 1718 an act was passed granting freeholders and inhabitants of the precincts of Catskill and Coxhackey in ye county of Albany the privilege of choosing yearly a supervisor.



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### In Times of the Catskill Whig

From the Catskill Messenger, published by Ira Du Bois in 1830, a copy of which was preserved by the late Judson Wilcox, we are able to secure a number of interesting matters. The paper was 4 pages of 6 columns and the subscription price was \$2.50 per year.

One of the most conspicuous matters advertised was Wheaton's Itch Ointment, 25 cents "Cures in an Hour," The itch was called a loathsome disease. Also a cure for "Fever and Ague."

Croswell and Brace, druggists, of whom we are able to present pictures, sold "Jaundice Bitters," "Davenport's Celebrated Eye Water," and "Bilious Pills." Henry Mc Kinstry sold "Hygiean Medicine" which was guaranteed to cure Small Pox, Kings Evil, Apoplexy, Palsy, Consumption, and other ills including St. Vitus Dance. This medicine was alleged to have been recommended by a lot of Royal Eminent Gentlemen. \$2 per packet.

The shipping was done by Penfield and Day who operated the sloops Buck Tail and Shakespeare.

The steamers Champlain and North America between Albany and New York landed at Catskill running day trips and the Dewitt Clinton and the Ohio and Robert L. Stevens night line on same route did not stop at Catskill.

T. C. Atwater sold saw mill cranks, iron and steel.

Griggs and Bullock sold ploughs.

J. W. Hunter sold crowbar drafts.

S. Bosworth and J. Gebbard sold satin beaver hats.

T. C. Atwater sold bark mills.

H. Comfort sold prepared floor plank.

Francis Sayre offered \$1000 for any stove that beat his invention.

S. W. Bullock and Co. sold leather rollers.

Riesdolph and Van Kuren took care of the horse shoeing.

C. Trowbridge operated a soap and candle factory.

Thomas Reed taught a select school on William street, district school building.

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Dr. Abel Brace.

The block of stores occupied by William L. Du Bois, Howard Smith, the Examiner and the old building on the Hasselman lot since remodeled, was built by Mackey Croswell, and the Croswells and Dr. Brace had their offices on Greene street. Here the first Catskill Packet was printed and this building was later moved to the corner where the express office now is where they opened a drug business. In 1822 they built the brick block, where they continued. Later Benjamin Wey and Wm. L. DuBois at the same stand, Mr. DuBois over 61 years.

# *All Hail OHIO.*



**The Steam Boat OHIO, having been chartered by the Whigs of New York for the occasion, left that city this morning at 7 o'clock for Albany. She will fire salutes at the different Landings along the river, in honor of the GLORIOUS VICTORY obtained by our Whig friends in Ohio. She will pass our landing between 3 and 5 o'clock this afternoon, at which time the Whigs of Catskill are requested to assemble at the point, and give her a reception worthy of so glorious a result. By order of the Committee.**

**Catskill, October 30, 1834.**

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**The Whigs will also bear in mind the meeting at BEACH'S this evening.**

Photo Reproduction Poster preserved by the late Judson Wilcox 1834.

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Mr. Sturtevant had a classical school.

Henry Mc Kinstry sold dry goods.

T. C. Atwater sold Nott's Salamander Stoves and the Parker's Prophecy Stoves.

John Wolcott sold flour at \$6.50 per barrel.

Henry Mc Kinstry sold groceries.

Isaac Rice sold boots and shoes.

## NO MONOPOLY.



### **NOTICE is hereby publicly given**

to fishermen, that the undersigned have become acquainted with the existence of an odious monopoly in the ancient, respectable, and *apostolic* business of fishing. This monopoly is composed of a combination of a Trinity of two Deacons and one devil, and has for its object the total forestalling of fishing on the *Plauchy*. To obviate the disadvantages which the subscribers are subject by this precious *trio* of religion and iniquity, they hereby give notice that they wish to hire twenty fisherman for the ensuing season, who can bring testimonials that they will chew as much tobacco, drink as much liquor, and whistle as good a tune as the devil himself, (who is a *Walker* about, seeking whom he may devour,) with the aid of his two arch-deacons. None other need apply, and those who come well recommended for the above precious qualifications, will be paid liberal wages.

**MORGAN STOCKINGS & CO.**

Catskill, February 9, 1835.

Poster Preserved by Judson Wilcox.

### **Of Reminiscent Interest**

Solomon Chanler who conducted a hotel at Bridge street corner, Catskill, called the village tavern, is said by early writers to have had a club foot, hickory cane and voice like a Numidian lion. He spent most of his time groaning sacred music. He was grandfather of Henry Baker, whom the writer remembers 30 years ago as conducting a printing office near the Saulpaugh.

Ben Hallenbeck operated a scow ferry between the Point and the opposite side of the river, and it almost broke his heart when he had to give way to the horse propelled ferry.

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It is interesting to note that in 1807, Henry Ashley was a tanner, John Blanchard, Nathaniel Hinman, Lemuel Hall, Simon Sanford, David Thorpe and Shadrack White were cordwainers. Abijah Beach was a saddler, and so was John Bolen, Henry Homediu was a wheelwright, Stephen Root was a tanner, Joshua Stebbins was a nailor, James Cole a cabinet maker, Ephram Baker, Adonija Baker, John Hyde, and Jared Stocking blacksmiths, Peter Breasted a glazier, Caleb Croswell a gilder, Elisha Ferguson a cooper, David Horton a weaver, John Doane, who rounded the century and is remembered by some Catskillians was a ship joiner, Jehiel Preston made clocks, Mackey Croswell was a printer, John Lacy a ship builder, and also John Gager. There was quite a number of house joiners: Henry Selleck, Reuben Sanderson, Herman Hinman, Nathaniel Eels, Benjamin Sole, ship carpenters, John Olcott made rope. Occupations that have passed, as well as men.

Dr. Croswell used to boast that he had a white horse, a white cow and a white nigger, and the latter took care of the others and at odd times blacked the doctor's shoes, pumped the soda fountain and rolled the pills. He also was an expert at killing and dressing hogs.

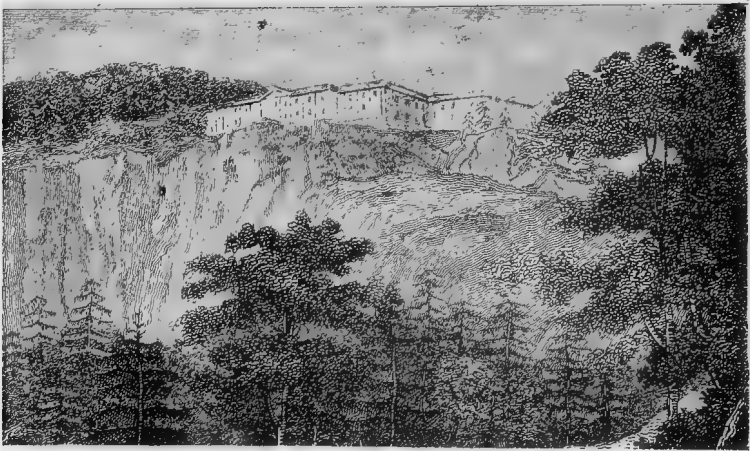
Our reporter who spent many hours in the local cemeteries alleges that he was unable to start an argument. He listed the name of Hiland Hill who we find was an old builder of sloops and had a ship yard on the Creek near the Point, possibly where Benter now is. Richard Hill who was a brother is said to have represented the United States as Consul at Valpariso. He sent a couple of natives to Catskill to be educated by Dr. Porter. Hiland Hill jr. is remembered by the writer. as cashier of the Catskill Bank.

Charles Bliven one of the early residents of the West Side, Catskill, is said to have given the name Blivenville to that section which still remains. The Blivens were relatives of Mrs. R. D. Miller.

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Among the names that are to be found on the old register of the Catskill Mountain House is that of Aaron Burr, a famed character of the Colonial period. Mr. Burr frequently made trips into this section and the Mountain House which was on a primitive road was reached by saddle parties, and these parties took several days or weeks to make trips farther into the country. Mr. Burr probably was on his way from a visit to the Prevosts at Greenville as he resided at Albany, and later on was married to the widow Prevost.



Catskill Mt. House in 1828.

In the course of several interviews with F. N. Du Bois who lived in Catskill we have been able to get some very interesting matters of the early times that have never before found their way into print and which form a part of this book. One of the pleasant-ries of the early history which he tells is of Government Meat Inspector Williams who was stationed at Catskill Point during the days of the slaughter houses to which we have referred. Williams was great on his judgment of meat, and Williams was also very tender on venison and bear steaks. Peter Schutt, grandfather of Louis P. Schutt who kept the old hotel where Frank Ryan is

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located was a great hunter and a great practical joker. After one of his successful hunts he made Williams a present of a fine bear steak, and after Williams had exploited his bear steak to his hearts content, Schutt very sedately informed the inspector that it was a pig steak. Mr. Schutt afterwards purchased the property at Kaaterskill falls where the Laurel House is located, and this was run about 25 year ago by L. P. Schutt.

Mr. Du Bois tells of visiting the old paper mill in Austin's Glen with his father when a lad, and of the interest he took in watching the paper making. The old mill has been torn down.

John Du Bois who at one time lived with his parents in the homestead house on the Du Bois place drove to Newburgh with a load of straw, going and returning on the ice and he sold his load to Gen. George Washington for use in the Continental army. He was then a lad of about 17 years. Whether the money he received in payment for the straw was worth a Continental or not we know not. The expression came down and still is common. In those days there was a loom and spinning wheel in every house, and the lumber used was sawed out by hand. Many of the big cedars were worked up with the aid of a whip saw.

Mr. Du Bois says that around 1841 he attended a lecture by one of Catskill's teachers, Prof. R. L. Ross and that he demonstrated the electric light. Nor has he forgotten the old ruler with which Mr. Ross demonstrated that he was master of the school. He also remembers Dr. Porter very well, at the time when he lived at the corner of Spring and William streets, being the last house in the direction of the river.

George C. Fox until recently in business on the corner of Main and Factory streets recalls the visit of Jay Gould to Catskill in the early 30's, on which occasion Mr. Gould had with him a wheelbarrow which he was pushing through the street, and that barrow contained a surveyor's outfit with which he was making the necessary surveys for maps of Greene, Schoharie, Delaware and other counties. A few of these maps are still in existence and they are worth their weight in gold. The maps showed views of

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villages and the location of residences scattered along the highways over which Mr. Gould passed. And Mr. Gould failed not to collect tribute for the jotting of the locations of farm houses on the map. The surveying of these maps led to the great railroad interests of Mr. Gould.



William Smith, Uncle Sam.

L. S. and William Smith built a considerable part of Catskill, and they fill an important niche in the history of Catskill. Wm. Smith came to Catskill from South Westerlo around 1820 or possibly earlier and his last visit to Catskill was during Old Home Week 1908, when he was seen on the streets in his suit of stars



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and stripes, recalling to Catskillians the fact that he was the original Uncle Sam. He was then bordering 90 years of age and sprightly as the average man at 60. In company with his brother they employed at times 100 masons and carpenters, and their work is still in as good shape as when first built. The mansion of Artist Church on Mt. Merino was built by them, and many other buildings including the Catskill High school, the Fiero house on William street, the Methodist church, Baptist church, in 1850. Among the tradesmen who learned their craft of this firm were the Wolfs, Rulands, Edwin Lampman, Geo. W. Holdridge, Adrian Mull, Gotlieb Fromer Charles Beardsley and Geo. H. Warner.

We present a very fine portrait of William Smith. He died at Tuscon, Arizona, in 1910 at the age of 91 years. He was formerly reputed to be wealthy, but at the time of his death he was in absolute poverty, and a subscription was raised to save his remains from a pauper's grave,

In the barn of another hotel at Brosnaham's street, now Bronson street a man named Highdecker hanged himself, and the incident killed his business.

The writer remembers that in 1882 there hung on the wall in the Catskill Recorder office a long strip of ironwood bark drawn into a slip knot, and dusty with age, and near by it was the skin of a 6 foot rattle snake. With the bark slip knot an old settler had hanged himself, and he is led to believe it may have been Highdecker. Nelson Munda a Catskill fish peddler of very uncertain age ranging the 90s possibly used to come to the office of the Recorder and usually this slip knot was exhibited to him and he would turn and run away in great terror. Munda has an idea that if he went to bed he would die, and it was said that he slept in a chair, and it is certain that he died setting in a chair. We can still hear him calling "Fresh Prospect Park Shad."

The slaughtering of cattle in a regularly conducted meat business commenced at Catskill Point around 1800, at which time cattle in large droves were sent across the country through Gilboa, Prattsville, Cooksburgh to Catskill, and while vast numbers were

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sent to New York to be slaughtered many were killed at the Point for packing purposes. Solomon Woodruff and Francis N. Wilson were at the head of this industry. Every barrel of pork or beef to pass government inspection and was marked U. S. Samuel Wilson was the inspector and originated the term known as Uncle Sam. James Gleason was the boss and when pay day came he would climb up a ladder and announce to the men that they had that week spilled more blood than ever Napoleon did. F N. Wilson Fire Company was named in his honor. 300 cattle were killed a day.

Orlando Bogardus later came into prominence as a dealer and always announced that the weight was plump scant when he made a sale. Later Captain Hiram Bogardus was in the business and had associated with him Oliver Bourke. Mr. Bourke continued the business for many years and became Esquire Bourke, a man of sympathy and well and honorably known whose death occurred a few years ago.

In addition to the slaughter of cattle, tanning hides was one of the early and leading industries of Greene county and neighboring counties in fact, an industry that has passed. Col. Zadock Pratt the George Washington of the county was one of the pioneers in this industry and made a fortune in the business at Prattsville. Jay Gould was associated with him in Pennsylvania. Few Catskillians are aware that a large tannery was located at the head of Main street. This was owned and managed by Henry Ashley, Nicholas Swartwout and later Jones and Bagley, who had numerous business enterprises in Catskill, hotel, grocery, boarding house, etc. Another tannery was located on the Hans Vossenkill.

From a description of town and county life in America in 1800 we gather the information that Catskill in 1792 numbered 10 dwellings, and there were in 1800, 156 houses, 2 ships, 1 schooner. 8 sloops, each capable of transporting 100 tons, and all carrying produce to New York. On a single day in 1801 four thousand bushels of wheat were brought in Catskill and 800 loaded sleighs came in by the western road. At this time Catskill was something of importance as a center of trade from the western part of the

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county and adjoining counties and the point from which most of the shipping was done.

During the 20's Catskill had an artillery company that was commanded by the intrepid and crafty Jared Stocking, and Athens had another that was commanded by Capt. Sam. Hamilton. The war spirit was still thrilling their veins, and when the Athenians stole down and captured Catskill's brass 6 pounder there was some big fight on. Catskill wanted to celebrate. They did so, but Athens got the gun and hid it, and went to Mackey Croswell's tavern for ammunition, after wetting their flint locks in Croswell's good rum, they discovered that Stocking's men in their bare feet had got the gun. And they hid it so successfully in Isaac Du Bois loft that it never came back.

Wooley Scott lived near Diamond Hill which was removed to make room for shale brick plant opposite the Hopenose, and he was one of the most eccentric characters of the early period. Tradition says that he was never sober on a week day or drunk on Sunday, and that while he was taking in the yarns, reminiscence, and elixirs of the groggery, he was jibed by boys, like Catskill boys 30 years ago pestered the High Hill Hallenbecks, three characters who came to Catskill with a few bean poles to sell generally, and getting loaded would start for home. Then a pack of boys would follow them through the street and take their poles, pull them from the wagon and do all sorts of things to anger them. These men will be remembered by many. Wooley Scott was the victim of some very mean pranks. The boys not only stole his clams, dumped his sand, lured away his horse, but they set fire to his load of straw. Wooley claimed that he was a near relative of Sir Walter Scott, but he was a better judge of rum than poetry.

In his reminiscence of Catskill, Thurlow Weed tells of the murder of one John Williams, and that after the finding of the body it was shown that he had been at the house of Nancy McFall. The angry populace gathered at the Mc Fall place and demolished it. Later the alleged murderer was apprehended, convicted, and hanged. An hour afterward a reprieve arrived. That was around 1800.

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Dr. Croswell, Rev. Dr. Porter and Major Jacob Haight who served the County in the legislature are reckoned by Mr. Weed as the three great men of the early period. He also classed Judge Moses Cantine as a Christian gentleman and a lawyer, 1812. The Judge was state senator and being a Catskill printer succeeded Judge Buell as state printer.

In 1838 there was located in the rear of the Methodist church at Catskill, a brick yard operated by Chauncey Hall, and there was another yard on Academy street operated by one Denell and from 1839 to the present time there has been a brick yard at the Hop-o-nose. The first was operated by Eber Scott and later by Cole followed by Thos. E. Ferrier and later Ferrier and Golden and now by Golden and Son. There was another brick yard where the Holdridge stone dock now is, operated first by four brothers, later by Holdbrook, who was put out of business when the great bank in the rear of the yards slid down into the valley burying a big kiln of green brick. Joseph Hallock put up a stately brick house on the site of this yard. Samuel Du Bois, an early settler, had a yard near the present Glass works, and the brick from Catskill went into the Croton reservoir many of them.

Another successful yard was that of Cooke and Hardwick, later the Walshs, and the Ferriers, and for many years the Washburns.

A very interesting incident happened at Leeds in the days of the early history of the Dutch church which has withstood the storms of over a century. It appears from the narrative of Benjamin Wiltse an old resident of Catskill who used to tell about the incident, that the old bell that called to worship had a harsh discordant melody that jarred the nerves of the old ladies of the congregation and finally it was planned to have the bell retuned. Milton Fowks had an enviable reputation as a founder, and he could tune a bell to the Queen's taste. So Milton was waited upon by a delegation and it was all arranged that the great discordant bell should be lowered from the steeple, and taken to a convenient spot near the bridge, where with water handy the tuning was to be done. Then a scaffold was built and the bell suspended be-

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neath it, and with plenty of rails and branches of trees, a fire was started under the bell. About this time Old Bill Schuneman suggested that while the metal was getting warmed up they should all go up to the tavern and get a gin cocktail. This was done and in the ginning up the fire grew warmer and the bell was forgotten for a time. On their return to the creek the bell was found to have entirely melted. The discordant melody of the old bell disturbed the quiet of the Leeds Sundays nevermore.

Spofford's Gazetteer of 1813 says in referring to the business of that period, Catskill will probably become the third if not the second city on the Hudson in wealth, population and commercial importance.

In 1812 a penalty of \$10 was authorized as a punishment for any child, slave, apprentice or servant firing fire crackers or other fireworks in Catskill.

Orrin Day grandfather of Orrin Day president of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill, is said to have been first chief of the Catskill fire department in 1824. The first mention of a fire organization was in 1806, and in 1807 Richard Hall and Orrin Day were at the head of a fire company, the first named being foreman. And in 1809 a bucket ordinance was passed. There was a fine of \$3 for not complying with the bucket law and Orrin Day was authorized to prosecute any persons not complying with the law.

In 1824 money was appropriated for the purchase of a hand engine, hose and a lot on which to build an engine house. In 1827 Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 was formed. T. K. Cooke, Philander Selleck, Henry Hill, James Van Gorden, James Pinkney, Judson Wilcox and James Breasted were members of this company. Later came Caleb and Orrin Day.

One of the important early interests was the marble business and a pioneer in that line was Israel H. Baldwin in the early 30's. He was the first. He drove to Catskill with a wagon load of marble and stopping in front of Lyon's Hotel the horse was stricken with blind staggers and fell on him. For 6 months he was laid up and in May, 1834, he commenced to make tombstones. Later

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he took in a partner named Whitney, who robbed the firm and it took Mr. Baldwin 20 years to recover from the financial blow. He was in business where the public library now stands, and was succeeded by his son Charles who moved to Water street and later to Main street near the Commercial Hotel. He died in 1898 at the age of 85 years. He was one of the leading men in the First Baptist church and superintended the building of the present church in 1871. He was also a member of the Board of Education for 20 years.

Charles Baldwin conducted the business until his shop was torn down to make room for the village building. As a marble cutter he was an artist.

George Elliott had a marble business in Jefferson in 1863. C. A. Noble commenced operations in 1882.

One of the oldest men of Catskill who but recently passed was Henry Limbrick, of Livingston street. From 1836 to 1864 he was in the employ of Mr. Beach and in the 70s was in the harness business at the corner of Thomson and Main streets.

The first bakery was started at Catskill by a man named Kendall, whose brother had the distinction of being postmaster General under Andrew Jackson. Amos Kendall was the most efficient postmaster of his day. Baker Kendall did a living business, near the Saulpaugh. He was succeeded by Reuben Pennoyer father of Capt. William A. Pennoyer, who later was in the jewelry business and who somewhat eccentric is well remembered by some Catskillians. Pennoyer had a motto on his wagon announcing that "Our Country Wants Bread." This was around 1836.

John Ashley came into competition with Pennoyer about this time. He was also a trustee. John Ashley a son succeeded him as dough man, and later his son Edward Ashley, who took up the practice of medicine and moved to Athens. John R. Hicks took up the business and was later on succeeded by Mc Laughlin and Carey. Other bakers were Henry Selleck, Selleck and Brown, Willis Selleck and during the 80s Edward Ashley who occupied

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the Bloom building on lower Main street and was burned out.

And the interesting incident that is vouched for concerning one of the old residents of Leeds, who recently passed away is that on a certain occasion he called upon the young lady who afterwards became his wife, and was invited to tea. At the table he noticed that his hair had not been combed as he was seated opposite the looking glass. This flustered him and he dropped his fork. Reaching to pick it up he tipped a cup of tea down his back. Getting straightened around finally he noticed a flap of the table cloth in his lap and thinking that it was a part of his shirt, pushed it back as he supposed, but made it fast by poking it into the top of his trousers. A little later when he got up he carried table cloth, dishes, etc., along with him and the dishes crashed at his feet. It was several weeks after that before he visited at V—s again.

Edwin Ashley, father of Mrs. I. W. Brandow, was a great fireman and for years at the head of the Catskill department.

One of the early shoe dealers was S. B. Abreet, father of John D. Ahreet who continued the business. Mr. Ahreet manufactured most of his goods at the start but later on came the store kind. The firm is now Ahreet & Cussler.

Joshua Fiero one the early dry goods dealers came to Catskill in 1838 and in 1840 started in business at the corner of Main and Thompson streets, and for 20 years he had stores in Leeds, Kingston and Auburn as well. He was elected to the legislature in 1854, and Senator Harris said he made the best presiding officer the senate ever had. The business was continued by his daughter Miss M. Fiero and she sold out to Fred Conklin in 1915.

The old grocery store in West Catskill is another landmark. It has been in the grocery line for over 100 years. The first record we have is of Samuel Du Bois. The record is broken but another early dealer was Charles Abeel. Sandy Phillips, H. W. Terwilliger, and F. D. Woolhiser are within the present scope. Earlier grocers were W. W. Van Loan, Caleb Spencer, Judson Wilcox, Wilson Paige, Philip Van Orden and J. J. Donnelly.

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## EXTRA.



CATSKILL:  
Monday, April 14, 1851.

### Destructive Fire !!! TWO CHURCHES BURNED! Thirty Buildings Destroyed. LOSS \$50,000!

About three o'clock, this morning, a most destructive fire swept through the southern portion of our village. Commencing in the stables of the Greene County Hotel, it extended to the livery establishment of Messrs. Beach, and to the stables of the Franklin House, and to the Hotel. From thence it extended to the Dutch Church and the buildings in the rear.

It then swept over to the west side of Main street, and the Baptist Church and several other buildings were soon enveloped in flames.

The leaping waves of flame, as they swept up the tall spires of the Churches, with snake-like rapidity, conspired to render the scene sublimely grand and magnificent.

The following property is destroyed: Beach's Livery Stables, including 12 horses, 1000 bushels oats, carriages, and all the appurtenances, entirely destroyed. Loss about \$16,000—insured for about \$3,500.

Greene County Hotel, kept by Van Bergen. Insured for \$2,000—loss \$3,000. 2 horses perished.

Franklin House, occupied by George Prime—and the building adjoining, occupied by S. Bosworth. Loss \$5,000—insured for \$3,000.

Reformed Dutch Church—insured for \$4,000. Loss \$6,000;

Parsonage Reformed Dutch Church—Rev. Dr. Murdoch's—insured for \$600. Loss \$1,200.

Baptist Church—insured for \$2,500. Loss \$5,000.

Dwelling of Dr. John Doane—insured.

Dwelling of Mrs. Charles Clarke—insured.

Dwelling of the Misses Sherman—insured for \$1,000—loss \$1,500.

Dwelling of Robert Dorlon—owned by Benjamin Richards, New-York, loss \$2,000—partially insured.

Dwelling and Shop of Messrs. Newbury. Loss about \$1000—no insurance.

Dwelling and confectionery of William Barnett—owned by Edwin Crosswell—partially insured.

Telegraph Office of J. R. Sylvester—insured.

Shoe Shop of John Rose—Mechanics' Hall, loss about \$800—insured for \$400.

Lavalle's Market, belonging to Edwin Crosswell, and several other building occupied by, colored people, Eggnor's Ten Pin Alleys, of which we have no information.

Church and School house of the colored people.

Houses owned by Van Deusen, in the rear of the Dutch Church, occupied by Mr. Cargill, and Mr. Clark—insured.

H. Brown, proprietor of the Hourly Stages, loses 4 horses, carriages, and considerable house furniture, loss \$1000, no insurance.

Independent of the losses sustained, the furniture is considerably injured in every place.

Mr. John R. Sylvester will occupy the building one door below Mr. Charles Willard's, as a temporary Telegraph Office, until the 1st of May.

The above estimates may not be correct, as we have been obliged to collect them hastily. They will not vary much, however.

Two Fire Companies from Hudson, kindly volunteered their services. They have the thanks of the community for their assistance.

It was supposed at one time, that all the buildings on the west side of Broad Street would be destroyed.

BEREA AND NOVA SCOTIA GRIND-STONES.—The subscriber offers for sale, at the sign of the Anvil, an assortment of Grindstones, at the lowest rates. F. SAYRE, Catskill, February 10, 1849. 504



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Another very old stand is the Hill paint store. This was built in 1821 by Peter Breasted, He died in the 50s and was succeeded by Eaton Dunham, and later by H. K. Hill who with his son-in-law, Wm. B. Donahue still continue. It was Mr. Dunham who stationed at his door the iron dog in 1849, which has been the object of curiosity ever since, and which as the result of Halloween pranks was finally chained fast to prevent the dog from migrating to other points. Steamboats and stage coaches were the subjects of their art.

George C. Fox on the East side is one of the veteran grocers and has only lately retired in favor of his son Arthur P. Fox who is at the old stand.

There have been more changes in the grocery business than any other business in Catskill. Conklin Brothers, F. H. Russ, Vernon Ford, Geo. C. Cowles, W. E. Minkler, have passed with many others but P. V. R. Timmerman who succeeded Jones and Bagley still remains after 50 years at the upper Main street stand.

Among the earliest grocery firms were Alfred Foote on upper Main street, Foote and Grant, French and Ethridge, Wilcox and Givins, Meach and Beach, Cowles and Meach, Elias Penfield, Meach and Edwards, Shaler and Fox. Mr. Shaler and Mr. Fox alone are living.

More than 85 years ago John Lusk was in the hardware business on Main street. The firm of Mann and Cooke was formed about 1840 and John T. Mann, and Frederick and J. Atwater Cooke were the members of the firm. Frederick Cooke continued the business and was followed by John T. Mann, and later on by Day and Holt, and later the Day and Holt Co. Jeremiah Day, Samuel E. Holt, Philip Walsh, and P. Dewitt Hitchcock many years clerk of the village of Catskill, comprising the firm.

Another early hardware dealer was Francis Sayer and John T. Powers, later on Russ and Beach. and Mattice and Wessell. and now the Catskill Hardware Company.

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M. H. Johnson, and the Brooks Brothers, Adams and Spencer, H. T. Jones and Son, Conklin and Lattimer are well remembered in later years.

There have been tailors and tailors, and the great Andrew Johnson was once a tailor. So was Seldon A. Givens one of the early illustrious lawyers of Greene county, but he threw the sad iron away for the law book and he made his mark. Another carver of cloth in the early days of Catskill was A. N. Hinman, better known as Deacon Hinman. Later came Charles H. Pierson and William Hunter, estimable craftsmen, followed by F. S. Lynes whose long and helpful life was spent in making good clothes, and his son later in business with him, continued the work at his death several years ago. Mr. Lynes was also one of the pioneers of the First Baptist church.

Of the later clothing men, there were F. A. Stahl, and James Wallace an eccentric character who had a penchant for running for nominations, which occasionally he landed. Clothier Abram Joseph has also been here for many years, succeeding Samuel Marks in the 80's. J. L. Goldberg built the foundations for a fortune in the little store at the end of the town bridge, now occupied as a candy store by Mr. Cunningham.

The first large boarding house in this section was the Prospect Park Hotel, situated at Catskill overlooking the Hudson. It was built in 1809, and the men who were its projectors were: Edwin Croswell, John Breasted, Marcus and George Beach, Robert Seaman and William Scutt all characters of note in early history of the county. The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1914.

Among the hotels of the earlier period that are not remembered by the present generation are the old Catskill House and the Franklin House, the former on the site of the present opera house owned by Terrence Donnelly, and the other where the Irving House stood and the Court house now is. These buildings were destroyed in the great fire of 1851, when the Baptist church, Reformed church and many other buildings were destroyed. The

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West Catskill Hotel was built over 100 years ago by John Plank. He was succeeded by a man named Feeney, Peter Martin, John Bascom, Andrew Overbaugh, Ruckerfeller, Ryan and Connerty and now Frank Ryan.

The Windsor hotel was built in the 60s by Enos Gunn, and he was succeeded by William Hahn, and Albert Saulpaugh who built the present stately edifice, now conducted by his sons Albert Saulpaugh and Samuel Saulpaugh.

The Irving house was built by the Persons and was destroyed to make room for the new Court house in 1908.

The Commercial Hotel was built by Enos Gunn who sold to Philip Gay, who was succeeded by his sons, Ira and William Gay, who sold to William Bell who enlarged the property. The present proprietor is C. Clement.

We do not know when the Smith House was built, but it is very old, and was enlarged and improved by Martin Smith, and later by his son William Smith a very popular hotel man, and is now conducted by his son Ed. Smith. John Smith another son is also in the hotel business conducting the Jefferson Hotel and the Irving Cafe.

In the early 30's there was the Brossenham hotel near the West Shore Bridge on Upper Main street, conducted by Foote and Grant, two conspicuous men of their day. This was a drover's hotel. The building is still standing.



Bull's Head Sign, by Artist Cole.

Just beyond this was the Bull's Head, kept by Wm. Salisbury. The sign was painted by Thomas Cole the great painter and poet, father of Theodore Cole of Catskill.

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The Old Arcade, Early Landmark in Catskill (1798.)

The illustration above will be familiar to some of our readers. It was torn down in 1902 and gave place to the Young Mens Christian Association building, which certainly is a very great improvement. The Old Arcade as it was called, had four tenements on the second floor, and the street floor was used as a market and cigar store. Henry Fredenburgh the owner occupied it as a fish market, and before that time John Hulbert around the 80s. The building had never received a coat of paint and was in a weather beaten condition. It was built as near as we are able to find out around 1812. Its appearance would indicate that it was among the first frame buildings in Catskill.

August 15, 1901 F. N. Du Bois placed in the hands of W. I. Jennings a check for \$25,000 which was given for the purpose

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of building a Young Mens Christian Association building. Shortly after the Fredenburgh Arcade was purchased and the grand building that stands as a monument to Mr. Du Bois, generosity and philanthropy was erected.



### Saddle and Stage Coach

The first pleasure party to Pine Orchard, the point where the Catskill Mountain House is located was made in 1823, and comprised a number of ladies and gentlemen of note on horse back, and they spent the night under some shelving rocks. At this time work had been commenced on the mountain house. Mr. Beach who afterwards became owner of the Mountain house, conducted the party over the bridle paths all the way to Utica. It took three weeks.

During 1831, the Mannings conducted a stage line from New York to Ithaca, and Catskill was the principal stop on the way. From Catskill there was a stage line that went as far as Delhi, and we believe that Charles L. Beach was connected with that line, and had later on in 1837 the contract for carrying the government mails, between New York City and Albany during the winter season when there was no steamboat travel. In this connection the reader will be interested in the old poster which we have reproduced and which refers to the establishment of the first stage line between Catskill and Albany. This poster was found among the curios preserved by Judge Chase, and the engraver has given us a copy that is very excellent. This line was started in 1833. Trips were made daily. Through horse relays we are told that the distance between New York and Albany was covered daily.

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There appears to be much uncertainty in regard to the location of the first school house in Catskill. One building it is certain was converted into the old county jail. There was another school later on William street, near what is Mrs. Avery's place. There was still another on Thompson street, which in the 50's was occupied by the Methodists as a place of worship. There was also the academy on William street, now the Fiero residence. There was a colored school on Bridge street, which shows in the picture of Catskill in 1839, and still another on the West side which is now the hose house. It was in this building that F. N. Du Bois went to school in the 30's, and he tells of riding down hill on an old door and that the door was usually loaded with pupils, who when the bottom was reached always got a spill. The academy was incorporated in 1804. This was a stock corporation and there



Broom Stick School, Now Hose House.

were 520 shares of 4 pounds sterling each. James Du Bois, Cornelius Du Bois, Caty Du Bois, Sally Du Bois, Priscilly Adams and Sally Spicer and many others. Elisha Bishop was at the head of this school. This building was sold to the Fieros around 1870 and raised up one story for a dwelling.

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A strange coincidence in the construction of the several school buildings in Catskill in the past 50 years: Contractor Geo. W. Holdridge who is one of the oldest of the old time business men, Charles Beardsley for over 40 years with Lampman firm, and Architect George Warner were all employed by L. S. and William Smith who had the contract to build the brick school-building. They were apprentices at that time. On the next building which was the Grandview school, Mr. Holdridge had the contract, and Charles Beardsley was foreman for the Lampmans who did the carpenter work. When the Irving school building was erected, Mr. Holdridge had the contract for the mason, Charles Beardsley was employed as foreman by Wm. Lampman who had the carpenter work and George H. Warner was architect.

### Early Manufacturing

Among the early industries of Greene county which have passed there was a glue factory at Durham, a mill at Oak Hill for grinding land plaster, a printing press manufactory at Windham, by Newbury & Morse, and a number of paper mills, at Woodstock and Windham, a carpet bag and satchel factory at Windham, and at the same place a factory for making wooden combs and tin and wooden buttons, conducted by Hunt and Matthews. Hay rakes and chairs were made at Windham. Paper at Big Hollow. There was a distillery at Red Falls and another at Windham, and still another at Durham. There was a potash factory at Lexington, also a distillery. Oak Hill had two foundries making hardware supplies, and Palenville had a big wooden mill. Several old grist mills are still in operation.

Near High Falls was located a powder mill owned by Mr. Laffin, and this latter developed into the great firm of Laffin and Rand as it now is. The powder mill employed a considerable number of men, and on a number of occasions it blew up. Once 7 persons were killed and at another time three. The men made from \$80 to \$100 per month.

This mill was at one time Laffin, Smith and Boice. This mill blew up a number of times. The last time was in 1875, John

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Merritt being the only man killed. After this the mill was moved to New Jersey.

Rufus T. Smith, one of the old residents of High Falls, informs us that one of the industries at High Falls (or Great Falls as the name is on one of the old maps drawn by George Smith, who removed to Ohio before Mr. Smith's recollection, has it) was the saw mill erected by the late Comfort K. Smith below the Falls, doing custom work and also for working up the timber on his own place.

Christopher Teetsel of Quarryville was boss carpenter, John Shultis, Peter Van Hoesen, Alex. C. Whitney and R. T. Smith did the carpenter work on this mill. Reuben Towner of Hunter, was the millright. He put in the saws and the Ferguson water wheel to run the sash or gatesaw.

This mill was built in 1867-8. The mill was enlarged later and circular saws for slitting up slabs, and blocks for shingles added. Smith's Greene Mountain shingle machine was put in and considered a great invention. Reuben Towner installed this machine and it was driven by a wooden center discharged water wheel. Two years later a turning lathe, planer and matcher for dressed lumber was added.

Then the building was further enlarged, William Shoemaker of Vineland N. J. doing the stone work. After several years the old wooden water wheel was discarded, a Rich wheel being put in, and then later on an Alcott turbine, by R. T. Smith, son of C.K. Smith, assisted by Alex. Whitney and John B. Smith. He moved to Brooklyn, but inherited the mill property and not wishing to operate it he sold to Levi Richtmyer of Kaatsban. Richtmyer sold to Dederick and Sterritt, and they disposed of the business to T. P. Cowhey of New York.

The dam is gone and the mill a heap of ruins.

Around 1818 Marvin and Co. built a large factory above the falls for the manufacture of chisels, augers, and other tools,



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and even at this date there may be found chisels marked Marvin & Co., Catskill.

There was also an old factory standing above the Falls bridge, which during the 50's in the heavy fall of snow was crushed in and never repaired.

Right at the edge of the falls was an old grist mill. This was in disuse as long ago as Mr. Smith can remember.

A short distance up the stream was another saw mill.

The old grist mill was burned in the 60's and at that time was being used as a spoke and handle factory by Willis Davis.

Mr. Smith says that he has heard his grandfather tell how they used to attend worship at the Kaatsban church when they took their guns along and left them out side, while one person was left to watch. They had no stoves in the churches and the women carried foot stoves and warming pans.

Zachariah Trumpbour who built the old stone house near Smith's Mills, 1768, was great grandfather of R.T. Smith of High Falls.

The old barn east of the Kaatsban church, standing today was erected just after the close of the revolution, the lumber being gathered before the war was decided. The owner, a man named Celie, was a Tory and he did not dare to go ahead until he knew whether the Colonies or King George would win out.

The covered bridge at Cauterskill, and the covered bridge at Great Falls, were built previous to the period of 1860. We have not been able to find any record, however.

Several of the old wooden covered bridges were built in 1857, after the great freshet which carried off the older structures.

Project of a railroad from Catskill to Athens was boomed, and application made to the legislature to have same incorporated.

The Du Bois mill at Wolcotts was destroyed by a freshet in 1809.

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### Values Increasing

From the assessment roll of the town of Catskill for 1850 we discover that the entire town tax amounted to \$7,076, and so far as we can discover there is not a single individual tax payer of that date down on the tax roll except Peter Timmerman \$3.55, and of the three incorporated companies, one the Catskill Bridge Company paid a tax on \$5000 which amounted to \$39.30. The rate was .0071 The Tanners National and Catskill National Banks were assessed at \$93,700 and \$110,500 the tax being \$661 and \$780. Senator Jones was assessed for \$1300 at that time. Of the list of town officers there is not a man living:

This land today is valued at about \$2,500,000 and the town taxes are \$100,000. The state, school, village and water tax amount to more than \$100,000 per year in addition.

Rufus H. King was Supervisor, George Peck, town clerk, William Dodd, Lindsey Beach, Robert Dorlon and John Van-Vechten were justices.

Charles Austin, town superintendent.

Peter Saxe, Peter Van Vechten and Joel Comfort, assessors.

Phineas Chidester, commissioner of highways.

Francis Dunham and John Wardle, overseers of the poor.

Egbert Bogardus, collector.

Samuel A. Baker, John France, Isaac Laraway and James Cash, constables.

In 1807 there were 24 licenses issued to Catskill dealers to sell liquors, and the fee was \$5. Among the dealers were Hiland Hill, Philo Day, Orrin Day, Thaddeus Luddington, and some to-day may remember Luddington's Oyster Bay at the corner of Bridge and Main street, torn down with other buildings to make room for the court house and jail.

Today there are in the liquor business in Catskill about 15 persons. The license fee is \$200 for hotels and there are no saloons, these having been voted out several years ago. Most of these are modern up to date hostelrys, well conducted, and the traveler finds a pleasant host and good food.

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The Smith House, The Saulpaugh, Clement's Commercial and Loud's Hotel at the Point are the leaders. On the west side are Ryan's West Catskill Hotel, Deidlings, Oberts, and Wadonolos.

The first supervisor of Catskill was Hezekiah Van Orden, who represented the Imbogt. Then followed Henry Oathout, Samuel Van Vechten, Garret Abeel, Martin Schuneman, Samuel Haight, Johnathan Keyes, Thomas Hale, William Seaman, Aaron Hall, Jacob Haight, Robert Dorlan, Ira Du Bois, Malbon Watson, Rufus H. King, Wilson Paige, Atwater Cook, Henry Johnson, Addison P. Jones, Alexander Wiltse, John H. Bagley,\*Hiram Van Steenburgh, Sherwood Day, Samuel Dewey, Robert Austin, John A. Griswold, William Smith, John Breasted, William Donahue, H. C. Bulkley, James B. Olney, George S. Stevens, A. P. Jones, W. S. C. Wiley, P. G. Coffin, Charles A. Post, Henry Van Orden, and J. Henry Deane complete the list of Supervisors.



### Bounty on Wolves

Jewett and Lexington appear to have been overrun with wolves, long since extinct, and there was a bounty of \$40 on every wolf killed. Jacob Van Valkenburgh of Lexington had the fences near his place ornamented with hundreds of wolve's noses, to show that the bounty had been paid on them. There were also many panthers and wild cats in that section. There were many great bears, and plenty of deer. There are still some bears, and a few mighty bear hunters. Barney Butts at East Windham was a great bear hunter and always had bears on exhibition. Another great hunter was a man named Holdridge at Lexington. Ernest Chadderdon of Cairo captured 3 bears in February of 1915. The bounty is now on hedgehogs, and the bear has no terrors at all for the hunter.

### **Destructive Fires in County**

The old mill in Austin's Glen was built in 1800, burned in 1807, rebuilt by the Austin family in 1815.

Great fire in Catskill 1851, loss over \$50,000.

The Samuel Harris woolen mill at Leeds was burned with three dwellings in 1862, the loss being \$80,000.

In 1883 Leeds had a most destructive fire, and 13 buildings were destroyed with a loss of \$30,000, and several smaller fires since that time, the fire in 1914 being the most destructive.

Bell's Facing Mill and ice house 1882, Foote and Cumming Lumber yard.



Summit Hill House, Catskill, 1908, loss \$20,000, the barn burned in 1899.

Block of buildings and storehouse at Athens in 1871.

Knickerbocker Ice house fire at New Baltimore, loss \$25,000 1900.

Ship Yard fire A.J. Vanderpoel, at New Baltimore in 1894, damage \$25,000.

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The Ice house and coal depot of Raymond Smith, Catskill was burned 1913.

The Little Falls House at South Cairo was destroyed in 1914 the loss being \$7,000.

Among the very destructive fires that have visited the county we note: Haines Falls House, 1911, loss \$75,000.

Squirrel Inn at Haines Falls, 1910, loss \$10,000.

Prospect Park Hotel, Catskill, 1914, loss \$50,000.

Jenning's Hotel, Cairo, 1913, loss \$15,000.

The Hart House at the Point, 1908.

West Shore Depot, Catskill, 1909.

M. P. McCabe's West Shore Hotel, 1909.

Steamboat storehouse, Catskill, burned twice, 1899, 1912.

Machine shop of the Catskill Mountain Ry. at Point.

Twilight Inn at Haines Falls \$4,500 damage, 1914.

Hotel of Matutinoich at Alsen.

Ice house at Cementon.

Coxsackie like Leeds has been fire swept. The most destructive were the West Shore freight house, Wm. Perry's hotel and barns, Jansen's dock property and coal sheds at the Lower Landing in 1913.

J. H. Goodwin & Sons Coal yard West Coxsackie, 1914.

Joseph Holdridge, an Ashland man, had a rather unusual experience. Over the door of his barn was a hornet's nest and these pests were in the habit of stinging his horses and men. One day he thought it would be a brilliant idea to burn the nest out, and so he got a torch and set fire to it. Some of the hornets got away and some of them were burned to death, and the nest was as might have been expected destroyed, but so also was the barn. The surprising part of it all was that knowing the facts the insurance company paid him \$250, the amount of their risk.

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Horton Brother's barns, Smith Hay buildings, I. W. Brandow barn, J. Person's shop, S. Fontanella building, A. Yan-  
none's shop and M. E. Church sheds, loss \$200,000, 1913.

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Lennon's Mill at the Forge, Cairo, destroyed in 1911, loss \$7000.

Store of C. E. Whitcomb at Purling, 1913, loss \$10,000.

Shady Glen House, Durham, loss \$20,000, 1900 and again in 1913.

Twin Pine House in 1914.

Athens has had a number of destructive fires, the White Elephant railroad property, 1874.

Osborn House and other buildings, 1878.

Destructive fire of 1913.

Apke's Hotel at Palenville, 1899.

Examiner office fire, 1900.

Store of Nicholas D'Onifro at Athens, destroyed by fire in 1907.

Residence of Peter Fitchett at Coxsackie destroyed by fire 1908.

Residence of George Cleveland, at Norton Hill, loss \$1200, in 1903.

Residence on Ingalls place at East Jewett, loss \$3000, 1903.

Apartment house of B. K. Van Valkenburgh, Catskill, loss \$3000, 1903.

Hotel of Henry Smith, South Cairo, loss \$4000, 1903.

Jacob's Bottling Work, Cairo, loss \$10,000, 1899.

The fire at the Smith House, Catskill [was one of the latest fires in Catskill doing any considerable amount of damage. Great work by the local fire department kept the building from being destroyed.

The First Baptist Church, Catskill burned in 1871.

St. Luke's Church, Catskill was destroyed by fire in 1839.

Simmons house in Jefferson, erected around 1800 was burned in 1913.

Boarding house A. Amman burned near Catskill, 1891, loss about \$7000.

The record of fires up to March 1, 1915. }

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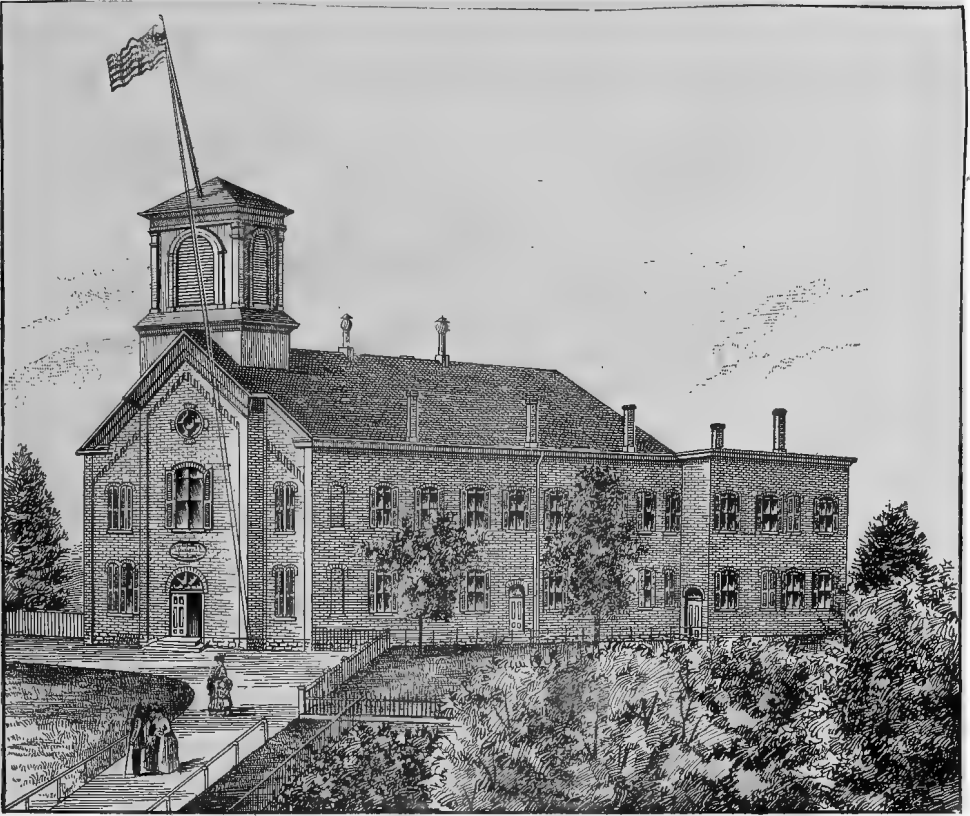
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The Boston Store Fire, Post's Building and Church's store. Also Smith's store and Daily Mail, the loss approximating \$100,000 in 1913.



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Catskill Academy, 1869.

Addition Built, 1882.

### Catskill Schools

One of the earliest events in the history of the schools of Catskill village, is recorded in a subscription paper, dated August 23, 1793 "for the purpose of raising the sum of four hundred pounds for the erection of an academy at Catskill Landing. It would appear that this sum was not sufficient for at a meeting May 10, 1795, it was resolved that 120 shares should be added to the number already subscribed for the purpose of erecting and maintaining an academy. The trustees at this time were: Stephen Day, George Hale and Caleb Street.

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The first teacher of this school was Elisha Bishop, whose register contained the following names of pupils attending for the term beginning August 17, 1797, and ending March 17, 1798.

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| Arastus Stephns  | James Bogardus     |
| George Brosnahan | James Du Bois      |
| John Brosnaham   | Lina Bogardus      |
| John Rimpf       | Wessel Van Orden   |
| Edward Hayns     | Henry Van Orden    |
| Jesse Pratt      | Jacob Stephens     |
| Betsy Stodard    | Henry Stephns      |
| Elisha Bishop    | Benjamin Van Orden |
| Sally Bishop     | Harriette Day      |
| Polly Bishop     | Elizer Root        |
| Caty DuBois      | Betsy Drake        |
| Sally DuBois     | Anna Drake         |
| Cornelius DuBois | Charles Cammel     |
| Peter Schoot     | Sally Cammel       |
| Jacob Schoot     | Joel Persons       |
| Ginna Van Gorden | Precilla Addoms    |
| John DuBois      | Sally Spicer       |

It is not known at what time other schools were established, however in 1803, there were three schools in the village. The village school was located a few yards southeasterly from the Old Court House. It is described as an unpainted, square building, with its windows placed directly opposite each other

The teachers in the village school were, usually persons who were pursuing their theological studies under the direction of Dr. Porter.

On March 12, 1804, the Catskill Academy was incorporated by the Board of Regents.

It was about 1814 that another school, often referred to as the Academy, was located on the north side of Thomson Street. This edifice was built partly of wood and partly of brick, and enjoyed the distinction of having the only bell in town, except that on the Old Court House. It was this bell which was rung on Sundays to call the congregation of St. Luke's together.\* The bell

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on the Old Court House performed a similar service for those who were accustomed to worship at the Presbyterian Meeting House.

Other schools contemporaneous of these times were the Catskill Lancasterian School Society, incorporated by the Legislature of 1817; and the Catskill Female Seminary, incorporated in 1820. The charter of the former was revoked by the Legislature of 1830. Of the latter it is claimed that it was never organized.

After a time the Village School came to be looked upon as "too sectarian and the Academy as too promiscuous" and the conservative part of the community resolved to establish another institution. A building for this purpose was erected near Franklin Street. Of this school, the first teacher was Robert K. Moulton of whom it is said, "that aside from his penmanship he possessed very few qualifications as a teacher and that he did not long remain."

Mr. Moulton was succeeded by one Leguire, who is described as, "a half crazy individual, with a red wig. He too was a splendid penman, but instead of imparting a knowledge of the art to his pupils, he made use of his talent in that line by writing love letters to his female scholars."

From the best authority it appears that District Number One was organized in March 1823 and that Joseph Simmons was the first teacher. His salary was \$25.00 per month and thirty pupils were in attendance.

The Union Free School was organized in 1856 and in 1861 the school was advanced to the grade of Academy, of whom Prof. H. B. Howe was the first principal.

The front part of the present high school building was built in 1869 by Amos Story and S. W. Smith at the cost of \$25,000.

In 1882 an appropriation of \$6000 was voted for an addition to the academy. The work was done by Mull and Fromer. It is in this addition that the eighth grades are now located.

It was in 1893, at the suggestion of Prof. E. S. Harris, Principal of the Academy, that an enumeration of the inhabitants

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of the district was taken and it being ascertained that the district had the required population, the Office of Superintendent of Schools was created and Prof. Harris became the first Superintendent of Schools.

The next important step in the progress of the elementary schools was erection of the Grandview School in 1896, at a cost of \$20,000. This is a beautiful two story brick building of eight grade rooms.



The Grandview School



The Irving School      High School

By 1907 the village had grown to such an extent that the school facilities, for grade pupils, were inadequate. To meet the demands the Irving School was erected at a cost of \$45,000. This

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is one of the finest school buildings on the Hudson River. It has nine grade rooms and the offices of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools. The building is provided with a modern heating plant and a mechanical system of ventilation.

This school system provides for the kindergarten and eight grades below the high school.

Each grade is in charge of a competent teacher. Special teachers give instruction in Music, Drawing and Domestic Science.

The people of this district are much interested in the schools and give them generous and hearty support.

The Catskill Schools are the best to be found along the Hudson river and furnish a complete education, taking up the college preparatory course, the academic and commercial courses of study—art, science, stenography, language, and music.

There is also a Teachers' training class, with free tuition.

The pupils also have the advantage of three special prizes, the Mary Howard, J. P. Philip and H. L. Austin prizes for efficiency.

The death of Charles A. Nicoll, trustee, occurred after this article was ready for the press.

The instructors are: Henry C. Thomas, Ella L. De La Mater, Henrietta Lewis, Marian E. Wheeler, Mildred F. Stone, Louise A. Hull, Myrtle E. Waugh, Kathrine G. Slattery, Edna Clark, Mary L. Hale, H. May Ford, kindergarten.

The instructors in the High School are Harriet D. Jackson, principal; English; Mabel V. Root, Latin; Gertrude R. Gardner, History and Algebra; Gilberta Wallace, German and French; Ellen M. Dewey, Science; Evangeline Bartlett, Commercial Subjects; Mollie C. Gilbert, Mathematics; Frances M. Wood, Domestic Science; Jennie Robson, Training Class; Margaret E. Place, Music and Drawing.

The instructors of the Grandview School: Elizabeth E. Burhans, principal; Alice Babcock, Ildah Thompson, Ruth I.

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The Board of Education: Frank C. Clarke, Howard C. Smith, Wendell S. Sherman, George W. Irwin, and Albert C. Bloodgood.

School Officials: Frank C. Clarke, president; Wendell S. Sherman, clerk; John H. Story, treasurer; Frederick Becker, collector.

Bostrom, Alice L. Adams, Bernice E. Hammond and Mary B. Story.

Prof. E. C. Hocmer, Superintendent.

Through the courtesy of the Catskill Examiner we show a line drawing of the Catskill High School building as it appeared in 1869, and 1882 with the addition. Also on another page a picture of the old academy, located on William street. We are sure they will prove of interest.

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### Some Catskill Landmarks

Captain John H. Bagley was one of Catskill's most honored citizens, who dropped dead at the corner of Bridge and Main streets, in October 1902 at the age of 70 years. He had been intimately connected with many of Catskill's enterprises and for a long term of years was in the grocery business with A. P. Jones, and also in a flouring mill known as the Catskill Steam Mill which later became a part of the woolen mill now occupied by the Union Mills Company. From 1860 to 1864 he was a member of the Board of Supervisors, and in 76-78 and 83-85 represented his district in Congress. In 1888 he was Member of Assembly. For years also village trustee, and for 35 years a director of the Catskill National Bank. President of the Catskill Building and Loan Association, vice-president of the Catskill Mt. Ry., a director of the Co-Operative and Mutual Fire Companies, a member of F. N. Wilson Fire Company, Catskill Lodge, and of Lafayette Com-mandry of Hudson. He was a vestryman of St. Luke's Episcopal church.

• Shortly after the death of Capt. Bagley came almost as suddenly that of Oliver Bourke, esq. who is inseparably connected

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with Catskill's history. He was born at Bellana County, Ireland in 1830. His mother and step-father moved to Quebec in 1836, and in 1840 came to Catskill, where his step-father, James Laville engaged in butchering, and that was continued by Mr. Bourke until the time of his death in November 1802. He served Catskill as trustee and also as police justice.

Another octogenarian who was connected with Catskill business life was Noble P. Cowles, who came from the Puritan Stock of Southington, Ct., where he was born in 1818. And first at Windham he embarked in tailoring, and later at Catskill in the grocery business, the firm being Meech, Sage and Cowles. For years he was Loan Commissioner of the county being succeeded after his death Dec. 4, 1902 by Robert Story.

Benjamin Wey is another of the grand men of Catskill who filled out a long and useful life, in Catskill, having touched the 83d milestone when he passed suddenly while taking an afternoon ride in October 1910. He was connected with many Catskill enterprises, including the Banks, Mountain railroad, and up to 1875 was in the drug business. For more than 20 years he was treasurer of Christ's Presbyterian church.

Senator Addison P. Jones who served Catskill in many official stations was for 87 years connected with the history of Catskill, and is best remembered as a partner with Captain Bagley in grocery and other enterprises, including a big tannery at the head of Main street, as supervisor, county superintendent of poor, senator, etc. He was conspicuous in the political field. He was connected with the local banks and prominent in church work. At the time of his death, May 5, 1910, he had retired to his farm, but was engaged in the manufacture of barrels.

John Hardwick, an old time brick manufacturer with Robert Ferrier and J. Atwater Cooke, died in September, 1900.

In October, 1900 the Rev. Wm.C. Oliver drove off the bank into the creek at Prattsville and his dead body was found under wagon in the morning.

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Major William Plimley.

Major William Plimley is another one of the historical characters of Greene county not to be lost sight of in making up the record of men whose memory its residents have been pleased to cherish. Major Plimley was a Catskill boy who for many years made his way by setting type in the office of the Catskill Recorder. Responding to his country's call he went to the front and served with distinction being in many battles and rising to the rank of major. He was a close friend to Senator Platt and many of the leading men who gained national repute, and was Department Chief of the Board of Elections of New York City. For 28 years Superintendant of the Money Order Department of New York City. He left Catskill in 1861 and went to the front as a volunteer. He was the originator and for two years the president of the Greene County Society. He died in 1913, dropping dead at his post of labors. Mrs. Plimley who was also a Greene county



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native was born at Athens, and was one of the descendents of the honored Hallenbeck family. Her father held many important positions in town affairs. Mrs. Plimley for the past few months came to Catskill and made her home at the Heidelberg, where she died on Sunday, March 7, 1915.

It was during the pastorate of William J. Finneran, that St. Patrick's church gained great prominence in the community and he erected the beautiful church in 1886, and in 1890 opened the parochal school. His death followed after a most successful work, in April, 1900. At his funeral every business place in Catskill closed and the most impressive service was attended by a great crowd, among the number being 50 priests from other places.

Sidney Crowell was one of the well known lawyers of the county. He started out at Prattsville, and in 1871 being elected District Attorney, moved to Catskill. The famous Joe Walsh trial was during his term and he was assisted by John A. Griswold with whom afterwards he formed a law partnership. In later years he was associated with Hon. Ira B. Kerr. He died in March 1900.

Hon. James B. Olney, leading lawyer of Greene county, died at Catskill, Dec. 11, 1900. One of the organizers of the Rip Van Winkle Club.

Peter Timmerman, one of Catskill's oldest business men was born at Catskill, May 8, 1830, and for many years was employed in the store of Jones and Bagley. He went into business for himself in 1884, and in 1906 purchased the property on upper Main street where he moved his grocery and feed business. The business has mostly passed into the hands of his son, Clarence Timmerman.

Hon. Geo. S. Stevens, former world's fair commissioner, engineer Mallory Line steamers, postmaster of Catskill under Cleveland, and editor of the Recorder, died Jan. 1901.

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**William H. Stewart**

One of the most prominent men of Greene county who passed away Aug. 11, 1915, was William H. Stewart, of Athens, known the county over as "Hardy" Stewart, former sheriff of Greene county, who by sterling character and ability forced his way from grocery clerk in the store of his uncle David Whiting, to the ownership of the largest hotel in Athens which for 38 years he conducted successfully, and being honored with trusteeship of the village of Athens, school trustee, and for 3 years sheriff of Greene county getting a splendid majority. He was a prominent fireman of the village and one of the organizers of Morton Steamer Co.

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Also honorary member of Macawomuc Engine Company and the Hook and Ladder Company. He was a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association, and prominent in the councils of the Elks, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He was also an honorary member of the Citizens Hose Company of Catskill, and a member of the Rip Van Winkle Club. At the time when Mr. Stewart took possession of the hotel in Athens it was regarded as a difficult place to manage. He at once asserted the genial power that followed him through life, and the Stewart House took a position at the front. On the occasion of his death the order of Elks took charge of the last rites and the service was attended by hundreds from all quarters of the county. The floral display was noteworthy. Mr. Stewart was born at Urlton in 1850, his parents being William Stewart and Margaret Hardwick Stewart. He was married to Elizabeth I. Hallenbeck of Guilderland. There were three children, one died in infancy, Wilford, at the age of ten years, and Harriet W. wife of Abram Post is living and Mr. Post has charge of the hotel business. Mr. Post was deputy sheriff under Mr. Stewart, and assisted him in many ways. The men who served as deputy sheriffs were: A. Blenis, Greenville, Martin Chamberlain, Prattsville, S. Coffin, Athens, Michael Lackey, Tannersville, Bert Dewell Windham, S. Bareley, Jewett, D. S. Smith, New Baltimore. Ed. Griffin, Lexington, Seymour Taylor, Durham.

Among the great artists that Greene county has turned out are Thomas Cole, Col. B. B. G. Stone, and Herbert Faulkner.

H. K. Hill, another of Catskill's business men commenced business in 1872, and has since continued at the old stand on Main street. His father Oliver Hill came from Keene, N. H. in 1818 and started a paint store in 1832.

George Wilcox died at the Commercial Hotel, Catskill, March 4th, 1915, at the age of 84 years. He was a brother of Howard Wilcox who died a few days before and was for over 60 years in business in Catskill.

Horace Van Aken, prominent Catskillian, killed by trolley car near his shop, Feb. 1901.

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Mary Robinson Doty who died at Windham in December, 1900, was a sister of Governor Lucius Robinson, and mother of Lucius R. and William Doty of Catskill.

H. T. Jones whose place of business is opposite the Commercial Hotel has been in business in Catskill since 1870, coming here some 13 years previous to that date, from Greenville, and engaging in the tinning business at John T. Mann's store. At that time there was a great boom in Catskill. He was formerly from New York.

No history of New York state would be complete without reference to Isaac Jogues, 1607-1646, a French Jesuit Missionary who labored in this section and who was a martyr to the cause he represented. He was captured by the Indians and tortured, once being compelled to run the gauntlet, and in 1646 he and his companion were tomahawked by the Mohawk Indians, after Jogues had been tortured by having strips of flesh cut from his arms and back. The Chapel at Auriesville erected in his memory is regarded most sacredly. Previous to this he had returned to Albany (Fort Orange) with a special commission from Pope Innocent XI.

### Church Organizations

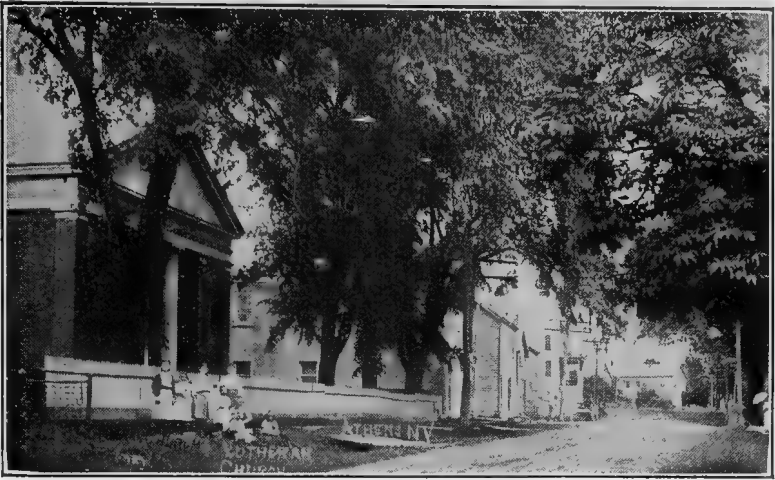
The first church organized in Greene county was the Zion Lutheran Church at Athens, which had the distinction of being one of three churches between New York and Albany. This church organization shows a set of records from 1704, and the Rev. Justus Faulkner was pastor at that time and up to 1723, when he died.

This church was located in "Loonenburgh" and entries concerning it were made in the New York Church book.

The Rev. Willhelm Christoph Berkenmeyer was the second settled pastor and became the "settled minister of Albany and Loonenburgh" 1723, and in 1727 it was agreed that he should come twice a year to the Church at West Camp, then organized as the Church of the Palatines.

The Rev. Berkenmeyer died in 1751, and was followed by the Rev. Knoll 1777, John Christian Leps 1783, Frederick Wal-

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German Lutheran Church, Athens, Oldest in County.

burgh 1791, Frederick Ernst 1800, Frederick H. Quitman 1803, Philip F. Mayer 1813, Adolphus Rumph 1833, and he moved to the West Camp church. Thomas Lape 1838, Lysander Curtis 1854, Matthew Waltermeyer 1848, Augustus Bridgmen 1851, Isaac Kimbell 1853, William H. Emerick 1855, a native of West Camp, W. M. Scholl 1858, Henry Keller 1865, Wm. Hull 1866, Philip Stroebel 1869, Wm. H. Emerick 1872, William Travers 1875, Philip Graib 1883. The present pastor is the Rev. Jacob S. Paul.

The old church seal shows a square edifice for the first building, and the present structure was a remodeling of the old one in 1856. The original communion set is in possession of the church. The records show names of parents and baptisms from 1704, and these names run into the thousands. They show that the pious generations of the Hudson valley for a great many miles found their way to this church for membership and baptism.

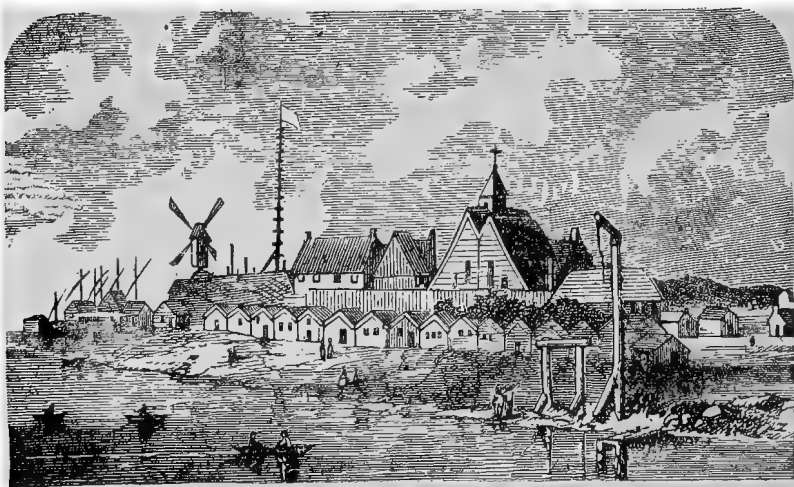
We have Kocksshaky, Kostverlooren, Kinderhook, Klaverack, Tackanick, Klinkenberg, Tarbosch, Hunterstown, Newton Kiskatamesy, Flatke, Albany, De Groet, Notten Hoek, Hoogelandt,

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Oost Camp, as the places down to 1730, an assortment of places from which some of the present villages may be selected.

Among the names recorded are some still familiar and others that are not familiar in Greene county. The generations of these people would be a sight that include people from all quarters of the globe.



First Church in New York (New Amsterdam) 1650.

A man named W. D. Coons who has found his way from Greene county to Alta Loma, Texas, wrote us that the list of names we should get complete and that is the only sort of history that would be valuable. If we got them all he would be willing to purchase a book. Our hands are up, Mr. Coons, but pray don't shoot. We honor the ancient records but we have neither the space nor the disposition to print them all.

Of the early names there are Alversons, Van Hoesens, Halenbecks, Colliers, Dekkers, Haas, Klaews, probably now Clow, Lagrangies, Faulkners, Overbags, Worms, Lassings, Vosbergs, Van Loons, Schmidts, Kuhns, Keiffers, Hoogabooms, Hannesses, Bronks, Van Schaacks, Brandows, Boughards. Von De Karres, Haydoons, Millers, Hardicks, Carters, Scherps, Lehmanns,

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Jansens, Beckers, Wormers, Evertse, Minklers, Klopers, Straubs, Silbernagles, Wodkoks, Brandaus, Schumackers, Valkenburgers, Deihls, Moons, Milius, Dingmans, Klauws, Kurtzs, Martins, Lampmans, Salsburgers, Bennets, Frees, Ostrandes, Rockfelders, Maccays, Braseys, Rosmans, Moors, Stopplebeans, Brandauws and Rauws, and so on indefinitely. We spell these names differently now.

The New Baltimore Reformed church was organized in 1923. For other church organizations see towns.



Reformed Church and Parsonage, Catskill.

### **The Reformed Dutch Church**

It was not until 1733 that the Reformed Dutch church was established in Greene county, and three churches were started at the same time, one at Coxsackie, Leeds, then old Catskill, and Claverack. Garret Van Bergen, and the Rev. George Weiss served all three of these churches.

The church at Coxsackie was at the Upper Landing and was torn down in 1798, when Henry Van Bergen gave land for a new church and this structure was torn down in 1861, and the

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present structure erected. Dominie Schuneman to whom we have referred preached at Catskill, and Coxsackie 1752 to 1794.

It was not until 1833 that regular preaching services in the new Reformed Church took place, and the Leeds church became known as the Reformed Protestant Church of Leeds and Kiskatom and the new church was known as the First Reformed Church of Catskill. Later in 1843 the Church at Kiskatom was organized separately.

The Reformed church at Athens started in 1826.

The Coeymans Reformed church originally a part of Coxsackie district was organized around 1736.

The Catskill Reformed Church has been a very prosperous organization, and has not only had a strong line of great preachers and broad minded men who have carried on the work very ably.

The Rev. Peter Lebaugh was the third preacher on the Catskill charge 1798, Henry Ostrander 1810, Peter Wynkoop 1814. Isaac N. Wyckoff 1817-36.

It should be borne in mind that the church at Catskill shares equally with the church at Leeds the honor of being descended from the old "Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the Town of Catskill."

Dominie Wyckoff continued to minister to the newly organized church at Catskill until 1836, when he was succeeded by the Rev. James Romeyn, who continued pastor until 1841. For about a year, Mr. Romeyn was assisted by Rev. D. D. Demarest, father of two subsequent pastors. Rev. David Murdock next served the church from 1842 to 1851, his successor being Rev. Acmon P. Van Gieson, D. D., who was pastor from 1853 to 1855. Rev. Ransom Bethune Welsh, D. D., LL. D., who was minister from 1856 to 1859, was followed by Rev. John A. Lansing, D. D., who served from 1860 to 1866. He was succeeded by Rev. Francis A. Horton, who remained from 1867 until 1873. Mr. Horton was followed by Rev. John B. Thompson, D. D., who was pastor from 1874 to 1884. Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D. D., was then pastor from 1884 to 1896, he being succeeded by Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, D. D., in the following year. Rev. Alfred H. Demarest, D. D. succeed-



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ed his brother in 1901, remaining until his death in 1904. He was followed by Rev. I. H. Berg, and the present pastor is Rev. J. A. Dykstra.

The first church was burned in the fire of 1851. The present structure is very commodious and the interior shows artistic decorations and beautiful memorial windows. The building has been remodeled and the grounds beautified by a cut stone retaining wall, similar to that in front of the court house. The parsonage was visited by fire a number of years ago during the pastorate of Mr. Berg was remodeled and is a splendid building.

John A. Dykstra the present pastor came to Catskill from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has done grand work here. On Sunday, March 7th, there were taken into the church 117 new members, the record of the church. A strong preacher and a whole souled pastor. He was married in 1913 to Miss Irene J. Staplecamp of Holland, Michigan, and she is of great help to him in his church work, being at the head of the Woman's Society.

The present organization includes:

Elders: William Van Orden, John D. Ahreet, Amadee Raynor, George C. Fox, W. I. Jennings, and Charles H. Van Orden.

Deacons: C. Edsal Fiester, Henry R. Hinman, Frederick Fiero, Eugene Faulkner, Thomas J. Reilly.

Women's Missionary Society-- Mrs. J. P. Philip, president.

Women's Improvement Society--Mrs. Frank H. Kortz.

Women's Society--Mrs. John A. Dykstra.

Brotherhood--Charles Richtmyer.

Sunday School - Rudolph W. Plusch, superintendent.

Christian Endeavor: Junior Society -- Mrs. Clarence J. Travis, Supt. Intermediate--Mrs. John A. Dykstra, superintendent. Senior--Miss Martha Ernst, president.

Organist--Miss Winifred Wardle

Chorister--John J. Ahreet, since 1880, 35 years.

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Catskill.

### **The Episcopal Church**

The Protestant Episcopal church was established along the Hudson river in the early part of the last century, and it appears likely that the first church was established by the Rev. Ammi Rogers, in August 1801, when that Reverend gentleman was making a trip from Ballston to Bradford, Ct., leaving the former place where he had been established to go to the latter, a new charge. Going down the river on a sloop the boat was becalmed at Catskill and he improved the opportunity to start a church organization.

The first church in what is Catskill was erected by the Episcopalians, as the Reformed church was at Old Catskill. The first building was erected in 1804, and the second in 1841. This was following the fire of 1839. This church was built of brick, and was located on Church street where on June 6th, 1899 the last service was held, and the building placed on the market. It was in use for a short time as a dance hall, and a factory, and now is

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Post's garage. We present a picture of the old structure as it now appears, and of the beautiful picture granite structure erected by Contractor Geo W. Holdridge, and dedicated June 6th, 1899.



First Episcopal Church, 1804. Now Post's Garage.

This building cost \$55,000, and is probably the finest church along the river. The stained glass windows are works of art and the interior is commodious and beautiful. The present pastor is the Rev. G. H. Grout, who succeeded the Rev. M. Miller who went into the Western Missionary field. Mr. Grout came to Catskill from Delhi, N. Y., and it is certain that a more popular rector never was in charge of the work, which is going forward in splendid shape.

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The early supporters of the first church in 1804 were Terrence Donnelly, proprietor of one of the early hotels to which we have referred, James Pinkney who wrote Sketches of Catskill, Mackey Croswell, publisher of the Catskill Packet, John Doane who lived to the century mark and a great man in Catskill, Barnet Du Bois, O'Hara Croswell, Peter Bogardus, Nathaniel Hinman, Stephen Calkins, Henry Selleck, Isaac Van Loan and Thomas Wright.

During the history of St. Luke's church there have been 13 rectors: Ammi Rogers, John Reed, Joseph Prentis, Joseph F. Phillips, Louis L. Noble, Thomas Richey, E. Folsom Baker, William S. Chadwell, Robert Weeks, William H. Harison, Wm. L. Woodruff, Elmer P. Miller and G. H. Grout.

The officials of St. Luke's church are:

Wardens—Charles Trowbridge, Dr. Robert Selden; Walton Van Loan, treasurer; Addison P. Jones, assistant treasurer; George Harding, financial secretary.

Vestrymen—Edgar Washburn, Samuel C. Hopkins, Chas. Hopkins, J. M. Knap, George Purdy, David M. Post, Thomas E. Jones.

Women's Sewing Society—Mrs. Geo. H. Grout, president; Mrs. Geo. Harding, vice-president; Mrs. Addison P. Jones, secretary; Miss Emily Marquit, treasurer.

Women's Auxiliary--Miss Ruth Hall, president; Mrs. C. M. Crook, vice-president; Matilda Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Chas. E. Willard, treasurer.

Altar Society—Mrs. Joseph Spoor, president; Mrs. Dr. Goodrich, secretary; Anna Gardner, treasurer.

Men's Society—Dr. Robert Seldon, president; Fred E. Craigie, vice-president; Mortimer Du Bois, secretary and treasurer; Thos. E. Jones, L. W. Richardson, Chas. J. Bagley, Arnold Grobe, advisory committee.

Donald Craigie, chorister; Margaret Craigie, organist.

Edgar W. Hall, commander of Boy Scouts.

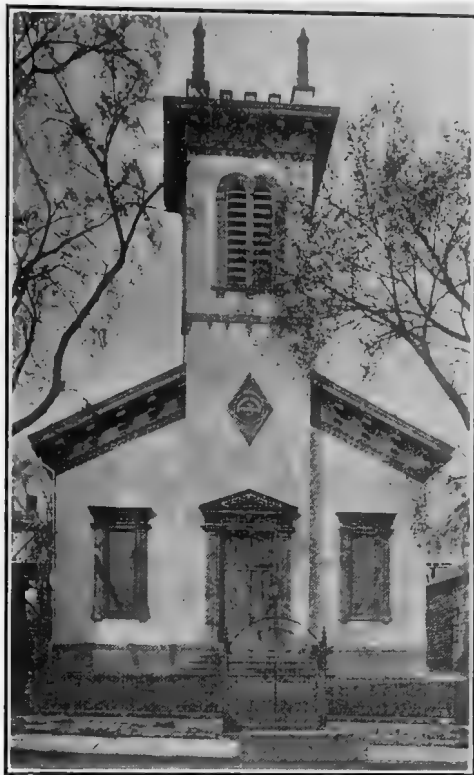
Sunday School—Dr. Walter Conklin, superintendent; Miss Gertrude Gardner, secretary.

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The second Episcopal church in the county was organized at Athens in 1806, at Greenville in 1825, Cairo 1832, Prattsville 1845, Windham 1850, and at Coxsackie in 1853.

See towns for further reference.



Methodist Episcopal Church, Catskill.

### **The Methodist Episcopal Church**

The first Methodist Episcopal church in this section was erected at Coeymans, a stone structure in 1791, and it is likely that the other churches in this section trace directly to the church at that place, where the Rev. John Crawford was stationed.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 1800 to 1806 there was

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formed at Catskill a church which had as its pastor Robert S. Barrett who was not only a carder of wool and an expert at dying but appears to have been a preacher when he was not otherwise employed. His first sermons were in the Episcopal church and later on at the court house.

The first church of the society was on Thomson street near the Irving school, and the building which cost \$100 was used during the week as an "academy" and on Sundays as a house of worship. This was around 1824.

In December of 1834, \$600 having been raised a building 34x40 was erected on this lot and the society commenced to flourish.

In 1846 the preaching circuit was Catskill and Coxsackie, and each place raised the sum of \$155 for the pastor's salary.

In 1852 High Hill, Leeds and Catskill were the preaching circuit, and in 1855 Sandy Plains came in.

In 1864, High Hill was cut off the circuit, and the present church at the head of Main street was erected. Since that time the church has been enlarged, and the Sunday School room and church parlors added. The grand Steere and Turner pipe organ being a great improvement, brought about by the Atheaneum, at the head of which was John A. Foote.

The church has had a number of extensive revivals when large numbers were added to the membership, one under the pastorate of Alfred Coons, and another during the Chapman work here, but the greatest of all has been under the Rev. J. W. Tetley who added about 100 at a single service in 1915.

The Rev. Charles A. Holla, and the Rev. R. E. Bell were great preachers.

The line of pastors has been: J. Tackbury, D. Poor, Eben Hubbell, Abraham Davis, Philip Hoyt, Samuel G. Steyens, James Burch, William Hale, and Mr. Hale made his home in Coxsackie, 1852, Thomas Lodge, J. W. Macomber, William Steyens, C. M. Egglestone, O. P. Matthews and S. I. Ferguson down to 1864.

Since that time they are Revs. Z. N. Lewis, J. Millard, J.

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K. Wardle, Edmund Lewis, Angelo Ostrander, David McCartney, Those living are Revs. George Clark, Thomas Lamont, Alfred Coons, Charles A. Holla, Richard E. Bell, Edmund L. Hoffecker, Frank Beale, Robert Knapp, Clark Wright, H. Y. Murkland, and J. W. Tetley.

The officers of the Methodist Episcopal Church are:

J. Clark Salisbury, church treasurer.

B. C. Sanford, treasurer.

William H. Thorne, financial secretary.

Trustees: Charles E. Bassett, John A. Foote, George W. Holdridge, J. Clark Salisbury, Orloff T. Heath, Richard Van Hoesen, Willis A. Haines, J. Lewis Patrie, Cyrus E. Bloodgood deceased.

Stewards: Henry Van Bramer, Euberto Austin, B. C. Sanford, William H. Thorn, Elias Lasher, Herbert W. Terwilliger, Raymond E. Smith, Elmer E. Whitcomb, H. G. Bates, Edwin C. Hocmer, N. L. King, Silas Embree, O. A. Freer, George F. Moon.

Sunday School Superintendent, Addison C. Myers.

President Epworth League, Ruth Marshall.

President Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Nelson Mattice.

President Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Van Gelder.

President Women's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Geo. W. Holdridge.

Organist, Mrs. Willam Driscoll.

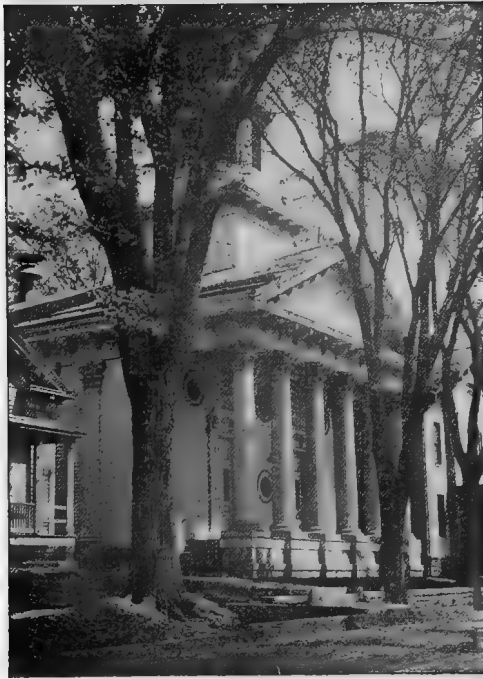
Chorister, George Parks.

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The first Christian Church was organized at Coeymans in 1812. From that center Jasper Hazen, the local preacher went out and organized churches at Freehold 1812, and later on at South Westerlo, Stephenville, Medway and Medusa. The church at Freehold is still regarded as the strongest of the number mentioned, and all are flourishing.

The Quaker church at Stanton Hill was built in 1833 by Jonathan Head of Oak Hill.

The Friend's or Hicksite church near the same place was erected in 1840.



Christ's Presbyterian Church, Catskill, 1808.

### **The Presbyterian Church**

It is uncertain just when the first Presbyterian church was organized in Greene county. There was an organization at Durham in 1793 and at Greenville in 1789, and the Rev. Beriah Hotchkin the first American Missionary to cross the Hudson river from the New England settlements formed these societies. The Greenville Presbyterians met in a barn.

The church at Catskill was incorporated in 1803, and it may have been that the Rev. Beriah Hotchkin visited Catskill before the places mentioned first. The first organization at Cairo was in 1808. Ashland 1799, then Old Windham.

It is certain that the Presbyterian churches of Greene



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county organized in the early 1800's are still energetic and thriving and a great power for good.

We have referred to the churches in a number of these towns elsewhere. The church at Catskill, has always been a leader in religious work, and strong in the mission field and bible work.

The first church was built in 1808, and in 1853 the building was remodeled as it now appears.

No other church in the state can boast of having had so few pastors. There have been but five men, towering giants in the religious work, who have remained long years in honored prosperity and loved by all. The first was the Rev. David Porter, 1803-1831, Theodore M. Smith, 1831-39, Gideon N. Judd, 1840-49, Dr. Geo. A. Howard, 1850-1890 and pastor emeritus to 1898, and lastly the Rev. Christopher G. Hazard, 1891-1915. And under these men the church has prospered. Pastor Hazard has also been at the head of the Greene County Bible Society. He is regarded as one of the finest pulpit orators that the church ever had.

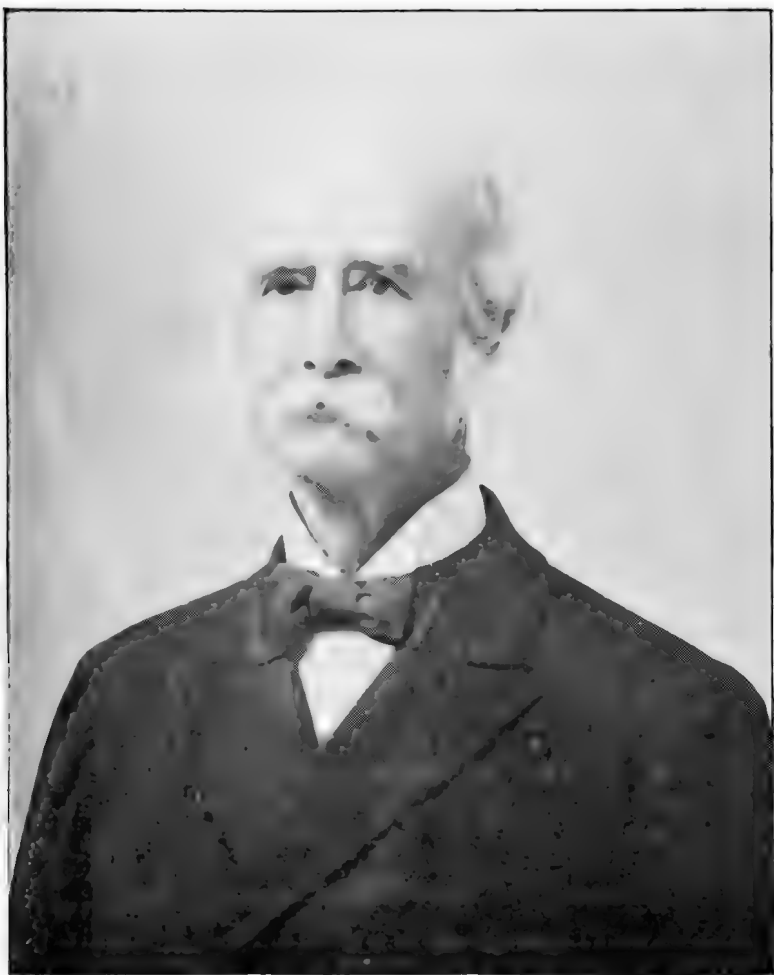
The first meetings were held in the court house, and the first church had a double row of windows, as may be seen from the picture of Catskill taken in 1839, which we show elsewhere. The building adjoining the court house property.

The great Chapman revival occurred during the pastorate of the Rev. George A. Howard in 1890, and Dr. Howard had other prosperous revivals.

Dr. Hazard has continued to build up the church, and the revival of 1915 added about 100 to the church.

Following a fire which broke out under the floor in 1896 and did much damage, very considerable improvements were made in the building, and the new organ, gift of Miss Helen Mackey was built into the structure. New stained glass windows were installed and the church wonderfully beautified.

Among the men who have gone out from the church are the Rev. Charles O. Day, of Andover College. — The Rev. Charles



REV. GEORGE A. HOWARD. DD., LL.D. Deceased.

50 Years Pastor of Christ's Church,

Catskill, New York.

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Hawley, the Rev. Geo. L. Weed and Edgar T. Doane to the missionary field.

The gifts of the Catskill churches to the mission field have been noteworthy.

The officials of this church are:

Trustees—Orrin Day, J. Henry Deane, John L. Driscoll, Josiah C. Tallmadge, Albert C. Bloodgood, Harmon P. Pettingill, Emory A. Chase, J. W. Kittrell, George S. Lewis, the latter being treasurer.

Elders Orrin Day, George S. Lewis, L. Carleton Austin, Charles A. Elliott, James D. Hopkins.

Sunday School Superintendent, Herman C. Cowan.

Christian Endeavor Society, Herbert Knapp, pres.

Women's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Harry Morris,

Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. F. F. Henderson, pres.

Women's League, Mrs. E. M. Sedgwick, pres.

Chorister, Charles J. Bagley.

Organist, Lisle Embree.



### **Gloria Dei Church, Palenville.**

Gloria Dei Protestant Episcopal church at Palenville was organized in 1878, and the artistic stone church was erected the following year, the ground being a gift as well as portions of the structure. The Rev. Robert Weeks of Catskill supplied the pulpit during the summer season.



REV. WILLIAM J. FINNERAN, Deceased,  
Former Pastor and Builder of St. Patrick's Church,  
Founder and Builder of St. Patrick's Academy,

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### Catholic Church

The first organization of the Roman Catholic church appears to have been made by the Rev. Father Farrell in 1830, at Hunter, and it was not until 1837 that the first church was erected. Among the pastors were Fathers Constantine, Carroll, Myers, Grattan, Reilly, Murphy, Cannane, and Delehanty.

The Roman Catholic church at Cocksackie was organized in 1845 and the first priest was the Rev. William Howard.

The Roman Catholic church at Athens was organized in 1871.

St. Patrick's church, Catskill, was organized in 1854, and the church, a low wooden structure on William street was on the lot in the rear of the present church. During the pastorate of the Rev. William Finneran, the new church was built, and he was instrumental in building the church at Cairo, in 1895.

History of this church and St. Patrick's School elsewhere in book.

The church at Leeds was built during the pastorate of the Rev. Father Driscoll around 1870.

The church at Cementon was built during the pastorate of the Rev. Father Fitzgerald.

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At one time there was a flourishing Reformed church at Oak Hill in the town of Durham. It was started previous to 1800, but about 1840 the building was torn down and the organization passed. The Rev. Pietrus Van Vlieden, was pastor, going later on to the church at Catskill.

### The Baptist Church

The Baptist church was first organized in Greene county in the town of Durham, at Hervey Street in 1788, and at Greenville Center in 1793. The preacher was Deacon Obed Hervey, who who was an ordained minister but devoted most of his time to agriculture. Gayhead, Westerlo, Acra and Greenville Center worshippers held their meetings in barns in the several sections. The last named built a church, the first erected in 1817.

The New Baltimore church was organized in 1825.

The Baptist church in Athens was organized in 1832.

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First Baptist Church, Catskill.

The First Baptist Church was organized in Catskill in 1808, and services were held in the kitchen of one of the members, Ketura Hill. Later on in the school house and court house.

The first church was erected in 1823, and John J. Ashley was at the head of the project, and he gave the ground upon which the present building stands. The first church proved too small and in January, 1840, a new church was dedicated. This building was in the great fire of 1851, and was destroyed.

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The society was not so easily disrupted and soon had another church, which also on the 8th of August 1871 was a victim of the flames.

Still the ardent church enthusiasm prevailed and from the ashes came the stately and artistic building that is after a lapse of 41 years a grand building for any denomination to occupy. This building cost about \$25,000. The debt last remaining was wiped out under the pastorate of the Rev. R. H. Rollin, John D. Rockefeller contributing a considerable portion of that amount. It certainly through all its tribulations merged as the most prosperous Baptist Church in Greene County.

John J. Ashley was superintendent of the Sunday School for 34 years, and Frederick Lynes one of the early supporters of the church was superintendent about 25 years.

The present head of the Sunday School is Robert Fenton, and C. K. Thompson is at the head of the Junior department. The Sunday School is in a very prosperous condition.

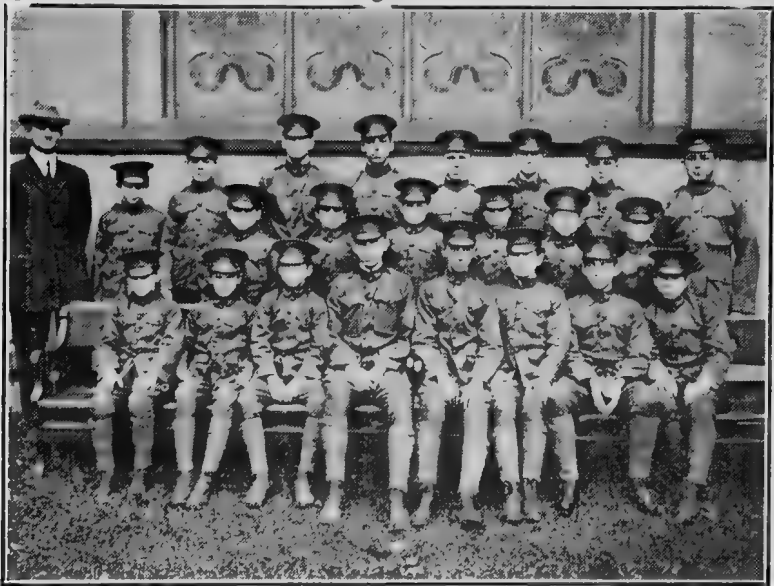
The Revival of 1915 brought a great number of accessions to the church, and it also brought Pastor Hamm to the front as a strong pulpit orator and earnest worker.

The church has had the following pastors: Truman Beeman, Peter Thurston, John M. Peck, Reed Burrit, Richmond Taggart, Bartholomew Welch, Peter Simonson, John Dowling, Thomas Dowling, Henry Whitman, Samuel Wilson, Samuel B. Willis, George Webster, E. F. Platt, J. M. Hope, A. J. Chaplin, George Webster, William C. McCarthy, A. C. Williams, P. Franklin Jones, Barney B. Gibbs, Horace J. Baldwin, James A. Fisher, Horace J. Baldwin, Robert H. Rollins, Robert W. Elder, George W. Rockwell, Charles J. Burton, and the present pastor, Maurice R. Hamm.

To Mr. Hamm must be given the credit for the organization of the Boys' Brigade, which has a complete uniform, and under the command of Wm. Heath, is an inspiration to the

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older members of the church. The Roster of the Brigade as shown in the cut which we print of the boys, is as follows:



Names of early members of Boys' Brigade. Front row—Left to right: Arthur Quick, Cecil Daniels, Norman Finch, Sergeant Warde Heath, Corporal Louis Plank, Floyd Hough, Corporal Albert Hock, Arthur Stewart.

Center row—left to right: Frank Doeblor, Frank Knight, Leroy Yager, Arthur June, Arthur Scott, William Brandow.

Back row—left to right: Commandant and Chaplain Rev. Maurice R. Hamm, Earl Gardner, Bruce Brandow, Emund Reed, Corporal Leroy Tiffany, First Lieutenant Lester Butler, Corporal Warde Stewart, Sergeant Charles Beach, Captain Wm. Heath.

Officers of the First Baptist Church:

Senior Deacons—E. D. Green, Edgar Selleck, George O. Van Hoesen, Robert Fenton.

Junior Deacons—Ward Mc Laughlin, William Heath, Alfred Jewett.



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Trustees—Robert Fenton, Clarence Travis, C. K. Thomson, Ward Mc Laughlin, E. D. Green, Amin Smith.

Clarence F. Travis, treasurer.

M. K. Brooks, clerk.

Mrs. Maurice Hamm, benevolence treasurer.

E. D. Greene, chairman Board of Deacons.

Robert Fenton, chairman Board of trustees.

Mrs. John P. Russ, President Ladies' Union.

Mrs. Maurice R. Hamm, Leader Helping Hand Circle.

Robert Fenton, Sunday School Superintendent.

C. K. Thompson, Junior Superintendent.

Miss Eva Smith, Primary Superintendent.

Mrs. F. A. Jewett, Home Department Superintendent.

Alfred Jewett, Secretary.

Ward Mc Laughlin, Treasurer.

William Heath, Capt. Boy's Brigade.

Officers of the Baptist Young People's Union of America—President, Alfred Jewett; Vice President, Miss Irma Brandow; Secretary, Floyd Hough; Treasurer, Fred Teator.

C. K. Thompson was for 20 years secretary of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Egbert Beardsley, as superintendent of the junior department for many years, has attained distinction as a lecturer.

Mrs. Rosa Person, as organist, has served the church for a long term of years.

The church never was in a more prosperous condition and is a power for good in the community.

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## American Bible Society

The American Bible Society like the early evangelical church early appeared in the Greene county field. It was not many years after Freeborn Garretson, and the early circuit riders began to make their regular appearance in this section that the

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Bible Society made its appearance. Catskill, Cairo, Durham, Cocksackie and Windham were represented and the prime movers were the Rev. David Porter, the Rev. Peter Wynkoop, Orrin Day and others of Catskill. Rev. Beriah Hotchkin of Greenville, Ezra Post of Durham, Daniel Sayre of Cairo and Samuel Baldwin of Windham. That was in 1815. Rev. Beriah Hotchkin was made president, Elisha Wise secretary, and Orrin Day treasurer. S. Sherwood Day succeeded Orrin Day, and George H. Penfield followed him. The society flourished and raised about \$1000 yearly for their work which was the distribution of bibles free. It is still doing splendidly and under the direction of the Rev. C. G. Hazard, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Catskill.

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### The Catskill Y. M. C. A.

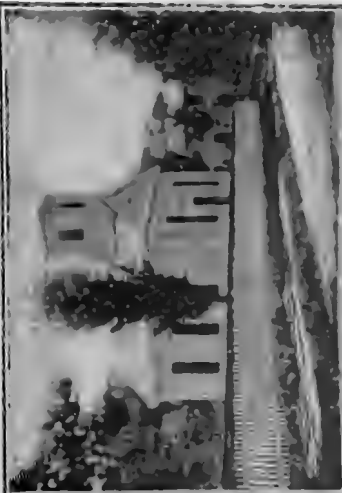
The Catskill Young Men's Christian Association was organized in 1890, following the Chapman revival, rooms being fitted over the store occupied by C. L. and B. K. Van Valkenburgh, now owned by F. C. Mott. The first secretary was H. F. Standerwick of New York. H. L. Boughton, W. I. Jennings, Jeremiah Day, E. A. Chase and Orrin Day, being among the prominent backers. In 1902, the present building was erected on the lot of the Old Arcade at a cost of upwards of \$40,000, of which about \$30,000 was a gift of Frederick Nelson Du Bois, who has been its most prominent supporter.

The general secretaries have been H. F. Standerwick, Geo. Geyser, F. H. Russ, Jacob H. Osterhoudt, A. H. Miller, Edward Tarring, Charles Cunningham, E. A. Ehrensburger, George Irwin and William Canivan.

The present officers are Albert C. Bloodgood president, T. J. Reilly secretary, P. Gardner Coffin treasurer. Directors: L. C. Austin, Geo. B. Austin, Herman C. Cowan, Howard C. Smith, Willis A. Haines. Orloff Heath, Elias Lasher, James P. Philip, David M. Post, Egbert Beardsley, and Josiah C. Tallmadge. Trustees: Emory A. Chase, P. Gardner Coffin, Geo. W. Holdridge, Josiah C. Tallmadge and William E. Thorpe.



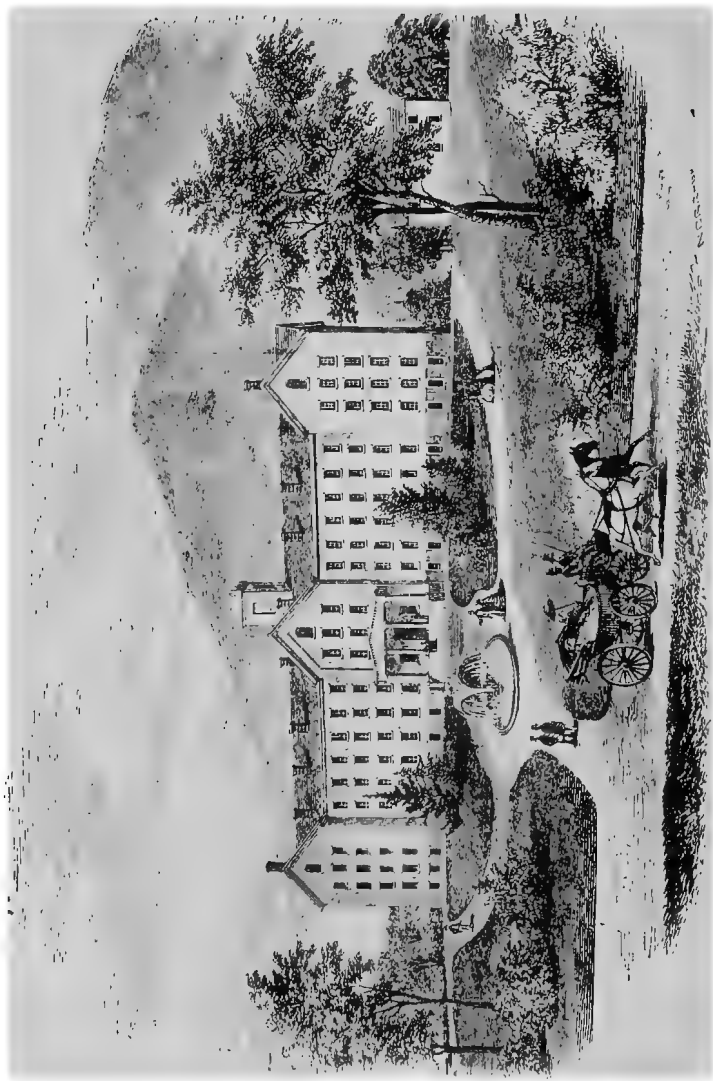
Old M. E. Church at Cairo  
Church at Jewett Height



Church at Hensonville  
Twin Churches at Westkill



TYPES OF  
CHURCH ARCHITECTURE



Ashland Collegiate Institute, Destroyed by Fire in 1861.

## **An Early School**

See picture on preceeding page.

Henry J. Fox, owner of the Ashland Collegiate Institute, was a brother of George C. Fox of Catskill, and he was also one of the professors of the school. The building was completed in 1857, and was five and a half stories high, with a wing of 100 feet, the main part being over 200 feet. It was one of the most complete schools of the early period, and part of a chain of great academies, there being one at Stamford, one at Warnerville, Charlottesville, Jefferson, Walton and Franklin. It had a great chapel, recitation rooms, library, laboratory, dining room and rooms for 400 pupils. It furnished a complete preparatory college education. All of these schools have disappeared. The Ashland school was destroyed by fire in 1861, at the opening of the fall term, and was a complete loss.

Latin, Greek, French, Spanish, German and Italian were taught. Music, drawing, painting, surveying, astronomy, trigonometry as well as the English branches were taught. The school was full at the time of the fire.

Among the graduates was James Harvey Van Gelder of Catskill and other prominent Greene county men. Mr. Van Gelder was awarded the gold medal, and graduated from Yale with the highest honors ever attained.

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## **Other Orders**

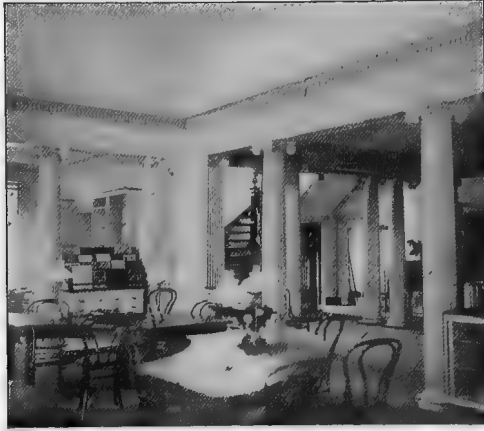
Among the early orders that have passed are the Sons of Temperance, Good Templers, Daughters of Temperance, which had organizations in most of the towns of the county. Lyman Tremaine, afterwards very prominent, was the great temperance orator.

Great temperance revivals followed in many sections and pledge signing was quite as much pressed as church revival work. The Francis Murphy movement was most successful, and in later

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years his son Francis, and one Thomas Doughty stirred up the pledge signers in a great wave of enthusiasm. The latter in the 80's was, as I remember, the last.



Interior of Catskill Public Library  
**Catskill Public Library**

The Catskill public library was organized in 1893, when the library of the Catskill Schools was taken over as a gift, other books being added through the Board of Regents, and rooms opened on Main street. Following a movement started by Judge Chase, W. I. Jennings, Frank H. Osborn, and others Andrew Carnegie was induced to present Catskill with a library building, which was erected in 1902 at Franklin and Bridge streets. The gift followed the pledge of maintenance by the Board of Education of School district number one. The building cost about \$30,000 and ample quarters in every way. For some time the kindergarten was conducted in the basement. Several exhibitions of paintings have been made there. The number of volumes is about 10,000. The librarian from the start has been Miss Emily Becker assisted by Miss Delia Whitbeck.

The trustees are: W. I. Jennings, Fannie B. Wey, Mrs. F. H. Osborn, Miss Anna B. Phelps, E. C. Hoerner, and J. W. Kitrell.

### Some Notable Men



MICHAEL O'HARA

With the building of improved highways for the state came the difficult job of selecting a head in each county to take charge of the work. Greene county was fortunate in having a born road man, and Michael O' Hara, of the town of Hunter, was selected to fill the position. He is now in his second term and 7th year and has more than lived up to the reputation that nine years of road building in Hunter, the town of Good Roads, had given him.

The O'Haras have been residents of Hunter over 60 years.

Michael O'Hara is the son of John O'Hara, who came to this country from Ireland, as a bridge builder, and built the bridges on the Hudson River Railroad. He located first at White Plains, and in 1885 moved to the town of Hunter with his family.

Michael O'Hara was born at White Plains in 1850, and was married to Ella T. Haskin, who died June, 1913. He was supervisor of the town of Hunter 6 years, and chairman of the

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Board of Supervisors 2 years, and succeeded in greatly lowering the tax rate of his town. His son, Herbert O'Hara, former conductor on the Tannersville railroad, is postmaster at Haines Falls. John O'Hara and Mary O'Hara are living at Haines Falls.

### THE DAY FAMILY

There have been few families more closely allied to the early and later interests of Catskill and Greene county than the Days. Stephen Day was born at Colchester, Ct., in 1746 and was the son of John Day. In 1791 he moved with his family to Old Catskill and was engaged in milling at that place. He was one of the promoters and builders of the Susquehanna turnpike, which in its day was the greatest forward movement in the county. It therefore appears likely that he was connected with the building of the famous stone arch bridge at Leeds. The old turnpike and its toll gates are a fragrant memory.

His sons were Orrin, Philo and Russel Day. Orrin Day was a great financier, and was also connected with the freighting business. In 1831 he established the Tanners Bank, becoming first president of that institution. At his death in 1846, his son S. Sherwood Day, became president of the bank, and Orrin Day, his son succeeded in 1885 to the presidency, a position which he still holds. So that from 1831 to 1915, three generations of the Day family have been at the head of the bank.

S. Sherwood Day was born in 1807 and died in 1885.

Orrin Day, his son, was born in 1845.

Orrin Day, grandfather of Orrin Day, was one of the founders of the American Bible Society in 1815.

### JUDSON A. BETTS

Judson A. Betts was born April 8, 1852, at Gayhead, town of Cairo, N. Y., and lived on the farm where he was born until 35 years of age. For seven terms he taught school in adjoining districts. At the age of 18 years he married Harriet E. Webber, who died in January, 1909. He has a family of four children. In the year 1890 he moved to Catskill, and in 1902 was admitted to the bar as an attorney and counsellor at law, and is also ad-



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mitted as attorney in the U. S. courts. He attained his education by hard study at the rural district school and spare moments at home. He served as Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for several terms. In 1895 he was the Democratic nominee for County Treasurer and was defeated; renominated and elected in 1898; elected in 1901; defeated in 1904; and again elected in the fall of 1907. During his service as County treasurer the office has been well kept and no discrepancies have been found in his accounts. Recently Mr. Betts' office was visited by the State examiners and his book reviewed. They O. K. his books and complimented his proficiency. Mr. Betts is prominent in his home village. He is a director of the Catskill National Bank, also a director of the Catskill Building and Loan Association; served seven years in the State Militia; is Past Chancellor of K. of P., and trustee in numerous estates. Mr. Betts is a member of Christ's Presbyterian Church of Catskill, is strictly temperate, and does not use tobacco in any form. He is cordial and generous and never turns the hungry or needy from his door.

His son, Lee F. Betts, is associated in the law business with him, and was Sergeant at Arms under Governor Sulzer.

### I. WHEELER BRANDOW

Among the men who have been doing business in Catskill for over 40 years is Ex-Sheriff I. Wheeler Brandow, who has had many interesting experiences and knows what it is to climb to the front under difficulties. In 1865, his father, Henry Brandow, one of the old residents of Hensonville, moved to Catskill, working for Mr. Dunham in the painting business.

Charles and George Brandow took up the painting business also, J. V. Brandow took up painting and later photography which he is still following. Mott Brandow and I. Wheeler Brandow went into the trucking business. I. Wheeler Brandow was but 17 years of age at that time, and by steady thoroughgoing work he made a success of his business. In 1882, when the West Shore railroad was finished through Catskill, he entered into an arrangement to purchase the bus lines of Philip Gay, Landlord

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Ellis and Enos Gunn, and heading off that much opposition, formed a partnership with George Bates, to operate a bus line to carry passengers and was very successful until the trolley line made its appearance. He was prominent as a political leader, and in 1895 was elected Sheriff of Greene county, serving 3 years, and under his administration the county affairs were looked after



I. Wheeler Brandow.

in splendid shape. Subsequently he remodeled his Main street house, and embarked in the feed business, and associated with Messrs. Salisbury & Austin he is still in the same line. He is one of the men who has always helped to boom Catskill and who has ever lent a helping hand to those who needed help. He has represented the village of Catskill as trustee and water commissioner, and has always stood for the best interests of the town.

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### DALE S. BALDWIN

Dale S. Baldwin, Supervisor of the town of New Baltimore comes of an honored Colonial stock. He is one of the youngest men ever sent to represent the town as its representative head and a man of many sterling qualities and possessing great business tact. He was nominated by the Democratic party and had the distinction of his nomination endorsed by the Republicans.

He is a son of Wm. H. Baldwin and Lillie Summers Jones of Philadelphia. His father's people came from England in 1638 and settled in Conneticut, his mother's people came from Wales in 1720 and settled in Pennsylvania, thus his ancestors are those who followed the destiny of the nation from her birth. His great-great-grandfather, Col. Jonathan Jones was Captain of the first Penn. Colonial Volunteers.

His father entered the boat business in 1871 and purchased the shipyard from his uncles, J. R. & H. S. Baldwin in 1879 and many of the tugs, barges etc. that are plying the Hudson today are gifts to the river from New Baltimore's sons.

Mr. Baldwin is in business with his father and also carries on the Circle Garage with his brother Harry J., at Albany. His other brother, Wm. H. Jr., is a Civil Engineer in the Government's employ at Albany.

Mr. Baldwin is prominent in his home town in all social and church matters, he is Master of Social Friendship Lodge F. & A. M. and Superintendent of the Dutch Reformed Sunday School. He was born April 18th, 1888, and is a graduate of the Albany Academy.

He was elected Supervisor in 1913 and his record in the Board is a good one.

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### JOHN E. HUYCK

One of the youngest members of the Greene county Board of Supervisors is John Huyck who represents the town of Durham. He is also the youngest man who ever represented the town in

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such an important position. It was a long step from the venerable Almerin Moore who served the town for many years to the genial and stirring young horticulturist John E. Huyck, who had never taken any prominence in the politics of the town. Pressed to the front by his many friends however he entered what was regarded as a hopeless fight, and he not only emerged with a full sized victory, but he has taken hold of the affairs of Durham and has shown a business acumen that has been remarkable. He has more than made good, and is one of the most brilliant men who have represented the historical old town of Durham. It will not be a "long way to Tipperary" for him this fall we judge.

Mr. Huyck was born at Oak Hill, Feb. 3, 1877. His father was Aaron Huyck who was one of the early settlers at Dormansville. He was born at Dormansville 1851, and married Miss Susan Traver.

The subject of this sketch, John Huyck, was married to Lottie W. Wood at Rensselaerville, 1904, and moved to the town of Durham, locating near Eagle Bridge in 1908, where he has a large farm. He was for a number of years in the news business at Catskill, the firm being Howell and Huyck, and then John Huyck.

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## H. CLAY FERRIS

H. Clay Ferris, who represents the town of Ashland in the Greene county Board of Supervisors, comes of a long generation of the Ferris family who settled in that section of the county long before the town was named. He has well proven his worth to the town in its most exacting position of responsibility. He was elected Supervisor in 1911 and again in 1913, and is one of the most popular men that ever served on the Board. A jolly good fellow, whose nature is brim full of cheerfulness, a vocalist of ability he is always called upon to lead in that department when music is in order after the sessions of the Board.

He was born at Ashland, August 31st, 1885, married Mina

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F. Martin, Feb. 3d, 1909. He has one child, Marjorie R., born June 20, 1911.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

His father was Clinton D. Ferris and his mother, Maggie C. Stewart. His ancestors came to this country in the early days. The first Ferris to come to this county was from Connecticut, four generations ago. His father was a son of Alden Ferris, a prosperous farmer of this town, and his mother was a daughter of Dennis M. Stewart, a farmer and business man of the town of Catskill.

### DR. SIDNEY L. FORD

Dr. Sidney L. Ford, Supervisor of the town Windham has represented that town in the Greene County Board of Supervisors since 1906, being honored with the office of chairman of the Board and also of the Board of Canvassers, and also Coroner of county during the years 1899 to 1905 and from 1911 to 1914. He was one of the men to whom Greene county is indebted for the beautiful court house and jail, and who has always stood at the front in the matter of road improvements for the county, and has shown a deep interest in the various matters of import that have come before the Board of Supervisors.

He is not a wire pulling politician, and neither egotistical nor selfish in his political, town, or personal affairs. He represents the best class of men and stands only for the best interests of Greene county. That's what has given him a firm hold on the town of Windham and the men of Greene county. As a successful physician he practices for humanity's sake, and as a business man he meets every obligation with cheerful readiness to perform well his part. We believe that he will reach the legislative halls.

Dr. Ford was born at Jewett N.Y., Feb. 28, 1865. Graduated at N. Y. University in 1891. He married Miss Grace Brill, of Oceanic, N.J., June 1st, 1893. He has one son, Newton B. Ford, born Oct. 17, 1899.

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He is a member of the M. E. Church, Mountain Lodge 529, F. & A. M., Greene County Medical Society, Rondout Com-mandery, Kingston, N. Y.

His father and mother were Horace N. Ford and Matilda Haynes Ford. The Fords came from Connecticut some time in 1700, and settled at Jewett.

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### FLOYD F. JONES

Floyd F. Jones who represents the town of Cairo is another of the young men of Greene county who have come to the front and whose path is marked by the unerring evidence of a strong character and great business ability. He is the youngest man who ever represented his town in the responsible position of Supervisor, and he has shown marked ability to do things for the people he represents. He has not only the highest esteem of his home people, but is regarded as a brilliant man by all who know him. He was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1911 and re-elected in 1913, and Cairo will be well pleased to have him at helm for many more years.

In 1895-8 he represented Greene county as Deputy County Clerk under Henry B. Whitcomb, and his records during that term are specimens of the master penman's art.

He is a member and Past Master of Kedemah Lodge 693, F. & A. M. of Cairo. He is also a member of Greenville Chapter 283, R. A. M. and a member and Past Chancellor of Yondebocker Lodge 289, K. of P. of Cairo N. Y. and attends the Methodist church at Round Top.

He is the owner of a large farm and boarding house near the village of Purling.

His father was Harrison Jones and his mother Eliza Fiero Jones. The Jones and Fieros were among the early settlers of Greene county and have been important factors in building up and promoting the interests of the town of Cairo.

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### EARL W. JENKINS

Earl W. Jenkins, Supervisor of the town of Halcott, is one of the young men of the Board of Supervisors, a thorough going business man in every way, and the town is fortunate in having such a capable man to look after its affairs. He is new to the political field, though he has served the town as collector.

He was born on the 11th of November 1873, and was married to Nora Kelley in 1892. He has two children living, Miss Georgania and Ward B. His father Arthur B. Jenkins was a member of the Board of Supervisors before him, being in the Board of 1873. He was born in 1853 and married Esther M. Earle in 1870. Eli Jenkins, grandfather of Earle W. Jenkins, was one of the early settlers of the town of Halcott, where he moved from Delaware county in 1843. He married Emily Judd in 1844.

Supervisor Jenkins' farm comprises 460 acres of the best land in Halcott, and he has over 40 head of cattle. He is a very successful farmer.

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### ELMER KREIGER

Elmer Kreiger, chairman of the Greene county Board of Supervisors is to be reckoned among the most prominent men who have represented the Town of Prattsville in an official position. He has been in the board of supervisors since 1883 and was unanimously elected to the position of chairman in 1900 and again in 1915. He is not only a man of great executive ability, and indomitable business push, but has always stood for the best interests of Prattsville, and no man in that section has been more highly regarded. He is not only thoroughgoing in matters of business, but no worthy cause ever appealed to him in vain.

He was born at Ashland in 1861 and was married to Carrie Clark Bouton of Prattsville, N. Y. in 1904. His father was Edward Kreiger of Prattsville and his mother was Mahalia Benjamin of Prattsville, N. Y.

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The Kreigers were among the early settlers of Prattsville and the family originally came from Germany in 1847.

Supervisor Kreiger has for a number of years been connected with the Prattsville Dairy Company, which has made almost as many tons of good butter as Col. Pratt tanned hides in his great tanneries at Prattsville.

He is a member of the Masonic organization.

### ABRAM V. RORABACK

Supervisor Abram V Roraback of the town of Lexington comes of historical stock and is one of the honored residents of that town who has made good.

The first member of the Roraback family who settled in the town of Lexington was John G. who came from Schodack, Rensselaer Co. N. Y., in the year 1840, and bought from Abijah Hard the farm one mile east of Westkill village. His wife was Eunice (or in Dutch Yun) Van Buren, a cousin of Ex-President Martin Van Buren. Thus both came from good Kinderhook Dutch families and until 1829 Dutch was the language commonly spoken in the family.

They were accompanied by their six children, Lida, George Benjamin, Barent, Ann and John H.

Frame houses were few and far between in the Westkill valley, but as John G. and his sons were skilled workmen for those days, a substantial frame house soon took the place of the one of logs. Death early claimed two children, two went back to Albany, and two, George and John H., lived always in their adopted town. George married Elizabeth Hoose, whose ancestors also came from Kinderhook. Their only son, Barent Van Buren Roraback, lived on the farm his father cleared 75 years ago, until 1915.

John H. Roraback married Eliza Allen, and until his death in 1912. was one of the foremost business men in the town. He was proprietor of the Vly Mt. House on Beach Ridge, one of the most popular summer boarding houses in the Catskills. Their



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only child, Abram B. Roraback, is now the well known Supervisor of Greene Co.

Mr. Roraback was born February 11, 1858, and was married Nov. 21, 1877 to Addie Thompson, daughter of John S. Thompson of Lexington.

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### FRANK NICHOLS

One of the most genial men that we have met is Supervisor Frank Nichols of Athens, who since 1912 has represented that town in the Board of Supervisors of Greene county. He has filled many positions of trust in village and town, and always with credit to himself and profit to the community. Whether in matters of finance, religion or social function he has always made good and it is a pleasure for his native folks to do him honor.

The Nichols family came from England to this country and settled at Athens in 1800.

Frank Nichols was the son of Samuel Nichols and his mother was S. Cornelia Coffin of Athens, N. Y.

The members of the family were Edwin Nichols, John Nichols, Frank Nichols and Minerva Whiting.

Frank Nichols was born in 1853 and married Kittie Fowler. He is a member of the Episcopal church, Masonic and K. of P. lodges, Rescue Hook and Ladder Company.

He was Postmaster six years, president and trustee for the village several years, and is now President of D.R. Evart's Library Board.

John Nichols, great grandfather of Frank Nichols was born at Waterbury, Conn, 1748, died at Athens, N. Y. 1815. Sylvester Nichols, his son, was born at Waterbury, Oct. 11, 1795. He also died at Athens.

In 1664, Sir Richard Nichols was sent by James II to America, and later became the first English Governor of the Colony which was thereafter known as New York. We also find that one Francis Nichols in 1635 came to Stratford, Conn., from Lincolnshire, England.

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### ELMORE MACKEY

Among the early settlers of New York state were the Mackey family, and their generations are scattered all over the county of Greene. A long and honored line, and the Mackey generations have spread from coast to coast. They have forged to the front in all the states of the Union, filling positions of trust in every field.

The first of the Mackey family to settle in this section was early in 1700, probably at Coxsackie, and William Mackey, father of Sheriff Elmore Mackey, was born on the old Mackey farm at Athens in 1820, and lived to be 80 years of age. His father was born in the town of Coxsackie but we are uncertain as to the date.

Sheriff Elmore Mackey was born at Athens, March 20, 1871 and was three times elected to the office of Supervisor of the town of Athens, each time getting a solid vote. He more than made good in the Board being one of its youngest members, and when it was announced that he had been nominated for Sheriff of Greene county on the Democratic ticket, the Republicans were unable to find a candidate to run against him, and his only opposition was Edward Mink, who ran on the Bull Moose ticket. As Mr. Mink polled but a few hundred votes, Mr. Mackey's majority was around 3000.

Moving to Catskill and taking possession of the office of sheriff, with Mrs. Mackey to assist as matron, he has shown the full measure of usefulness and integrity, and the office has been ably taken care of.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackey also allied themselves with the work of the Methodist church and various reform movements in Catskill and have made a host of friends.

He is district deputy of the Greene County Odd Fellows, member of the Knights of Pythias, was chief of the Athens Fire Department for three years, and a member of William H. Morton Engine Company of Athens, and also a member of the historical Zion Lutheran church of Athens.



One of Catskill's Model Fire Houses,  
Home of No. 1 Hose Company.  
(Courtesy of Catskill Examiner)



The Great Storm of 1888.

(Courtesy of Catskill Recorder.)

Snow Piled in Main Street, Catskill  
In front of the Jennings & Chase building  
and Tanners Bank buildings  
now torn down.

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ROBERT M. MAC NAUGHT

District Superintendent of Schools, Robert M. MacNaught, of Windham, N. Y., the subject of this sketch, was born in Delaware county, educated in the common schools, at Delaware Academy and at New York University. After finishing his work at New York University, he took up the study of law in the office of Judge John P. Grant, of Stamford, N. Y.

Choosing, however, to follow the teaching profession, he was elected principal of the Jefferson Union school, at the time immediately following its organization into a Union school. During his two years of service at Jefferson, he placed the school upon

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a firm foundation, increased the attendance of non-resident pupils and established the first graduating class in the history of the school.

Called to Windham in 1901 to the position of principal of the Windham Union school, and at the time immediately following a vote taken to change the district from a common to a Union system, and when the educational interests of the district were at their lowest ebb, he organized the school, prepared the courses of instruction, secured a large number of non-resident students, and, and in a short time passed it through all the various graduations to the highest recognized standard of the state—a four years' high school, maintaining each year a graduating class of young men and young women who invariably entered some higher institution of learning.

After serving 11 years as principal of the Windham High school, Prof. MacNaught was elected District Superintendent of Schools for the second district of Greene county, having the distinguished honor of being elected district superintendent of one of the districts of Schoharie county on the same day.

Superintendent MacNaught is deeply interested in lodge work. He is a member of St. Andrew's lodge, F. and A. M., Hobart, N. Y., Past High Priest of Mountain Chapter, R. A. M. Windham, N. Y., a member of Rondout Commandery K. T. Kingston, N. Y., Cyprus Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Albany, N. Y., honorary member of Working Lodge F. and A. M. Jefferson, N. Y., and Mountain Lodge F. and A. M., Windham, N. Y., past Patron of Mountain Chapter O. E. S., Windham, N. Y., past Noble Grand of Delaware Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F., Bloomville, N. Y.

As President of Windham Village Hose company and as Vice-President of the Greene county Firemen's Association, his interest in firemanic matters is shown, and, as a school man, public speaker, lecturer, the "maker of the Windham High school" Superintendent Mac Naught is widely and favorably known.

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William Kortz

Frank Kortz

KORTZS' SINCE 1816

The furniture business was first conducted in Catskill by James Kortz in 1816, in connection with undertaking, and hence for 99 years the Kortz family has been doing business in Catskill and it is not only the oldest place in that line in Greene county but the third established in the State of New York.

James Kortz was one of four brothers who came to this country from Germany and they settled at Buffalo. Later on James Kortz came to Catskill and started the business referred to in 1816. He continued it up to the time of his death in 1860, when his wife, Deborah Kortz, took charge of affairs, up to 1868, when William Kortz son of James Kortz succeeded to the business. For over 56 years he has been at the old stand of the Chair (35 years a sign.) For the past 27 years, his son, Frank H. Kortz, has been associated with him, and he has had the management for 15 years.

Recently they took a long lease of the property adjoining

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their store, and remodeled it in order to better accommodate their growing undertaking business. They have a splendid store and equipment up to date, with a larger stock than any two stores in Greene county.

William Kortz was married in 1872 to Ida Spencer, and they have had 4 children, Frank H., James of Milford, Mass., deputy postmaster of that place, Katherine and Ruth, now Mrs. H. D. Van Derlyn of Yonkers.

For 4 years, William Kortz was coroner of Greene county, being first appointed by Governor Cornell, in 1881, and elected in 1883.

Frank Kortz was married in 1898 to Maude Abeel Millington of Catskill and has one child. He is a member of the Reformed church.

Frank Kortz is a licensed embalmer and undertaker.

The new undertaking rooms that are being finished will be very fine.

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## DR. WILBUR F. LAMONT

Dr. Wilbur F. Lamont, one of Catskill's greatest practitioners, was born at Richmondville, in 1863, and came to Catskill in 1889. His great practice drove him to an untimely death as he died in the hospital at Albany in August, 1912, at the age of 49 years. On the occasion of his funeral, Catskill business was all stopped and thousands were unable to get into the church. The bearers were Drs. Robert Seldon, Stanley Vincent, Frederick Goodrich, C. E. Willard, George F. Branch and F. C. Clark.

Dr. Lamont was married in 1890, to Miss Grace Johnson of Durham, N. Y., and she survives him, and one son Wilbur J. Lamont, who is in the course of his college studies.

William Lamont of Richmondville, Dr. Lamont's father, a former assemblyman of Schoharie county died in 1908. Stanley Lamont a brother of Dr. Lamont died suddenly at Newark N. J., where he was a professor in Newark Academy in 1914.



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**Howard Wilcox**

Howard Wilcox, one of Catskill's oldest business men who died suddenly Feb. 11, 1915, commenced working for Mr. Willard in 1853 in the jewelry store in the building in which he was doing business at the time of his death, over 61 years. He came into possession of the business at the time of the death of Mr. Willard in 1885, and starting without a dollar made a great success of it. He was born, March 13, 1835, in Catskill and was 79 years of age, and although he was apparently in excellent health and his death decidedly unthought of, it appears that he had never fully recovered from an injury that he received in which his shoulder was fractured.

He was a member of St. Luke's church Catskill, in which he always took a great interest, and for many years was connected with the choir, first as an alto and later as a tenor. The only social organization with which he was connected was Malaeska lodge, K. of P. In 1861 he joined F. N. Wilson Engine Company and always took much interest in fire matters.

He was one of Catskill's most unassuming men, though he was

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actively interested in every enterprise that meant the betterment of Catskill. Up to the last day of his life he was able to take charge of the most delicate piece of watch repairing or jewelry work, and was daily seen at his repair counter.

His father was the late Judson Wilcox, who came to Catskill in 1825, and who was born at Harpersfield, N. Y., December 25, 1794, and who died at Catskill, June 7, 1879. His mother Laura G. Wilcox was born at Cortright, July 13, 1804, and they were married at that place August 18, 1825, though Mr. Wilcox was then living in Catskill. She died in Jan. 1900, at the age of 95 years.

Of the members of the family J. Hubbard Wilcox and Mrs. Wheeler Howard are living at Catskill, and Edgar Wilcox at Glen Cliff.

Mrs. Howard Wilcox passed away about 40 years ago. Hiram Wilcox, their son, survives, and has been in the jewelry business with his father many years.

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### WILLIS A. HAINES

The Haines family were among the early settlers in the town of Cairo, and they were among the Palantines who came to this country from Holland.

Trustee Willis A. Haines of Catskill, was born at Round Top in 1862. His father was Merrit J. Haines, and his mother Hannah C. Emerick, whose antecedents were also Palantines and settled on the Loveridge in the section known as Great Embocght, now a part of the town of Catskill.

He was married in 1886 to Middie D. Holcomb of Cairo, and their children are Pearl Haines, wife of Lester Minkler, Floyd Haines and Willis H. Haines Jr.

Mr. Haines has completed 30 years business at the Church street stand, and has a splendid business. He was first in the shop with George Smith, and for 22 years with Theodore Smith

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later with Fred Bouck, and now has his son Floyd in partnership with him, since April 1913.

He took over the wagon and sleigh business of Mr. Sage, and ice business of Mrs. John Avery, and is a large dealer in hay and straw, and takes care of all kinds of wood and iron work

He has been president of the village of Catskill and is now a trustee, he is also a member and trustee of the Methodist church, a member of the Masons, Eastern Star and Rip Van Winkle Club, and a director of the Y. M. C. A.

### JOSIAH C. TALLMADGE

Josiah C. Tallmadge, county judge and surrogate of Greene county, was born at New Baltimore, July 15, 1853. He was the son of Thomas D. Tallmadge and Helen (Raymond) Tallmadge. He studied law at Windham, with Eugene Raymond, and was admitted to bar in 1874. He practiced law at Coxsackie and Windham. In 1889 he was elected district attorney of Greene county, and in 1900, county judge, being re-elected in 1906 and 1912, and he has the distinction of having served 14 years without having had a single case reversed. During that time he has been called to take charge of courts in Brooklyn, where hundreds of important cases came before him, in addition to the work of Greene county.

He is vice president of the Greene County Bar Association, member of the State Bar Association, and for three years was president of the National Association of Probate Judges. He is a member of the Academy of Political Science, former president of the Rip Van Winkle Club, director of the Catskill National Bank, vice president of the Catskill Savings and Loan Association, director of Mutual Co-Operative Fire Insurance Company and of the Commercial Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Served as president of the Catskill Board of Education, trustee of the Catskill Presbyterian Church, and Catskill Y. M. C. A., a member of Mountain Lodge 529, F. & A. M. and Catskill Chapter 525 R. A. M.

He was married June 12, 1878 to Ella M. Stanley, daughter

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of Dr. Peter I. and Sarah E. Stanley of Windham. Their children are: Leone S., now Mrs. L. T. Beach, and Edna, wife of Dr. E. E. Hinman of Albany.

The Tallmadge family has been one of note, N. P. Tallmadge was state senator in 1830, and James Tallmadge was elected lieutenant governor in 1824.

The Tallmadge family came to this country from England. General Benjamin Tallmadge was sent here by the English government and his son William H. Tallmadge was a colonel. The Tallmadges settled in Massachusetts, but the date has not been preserved.

Thomas D. Tallmadge, father of Judge Tallmadge was born at Westerlo, N.Y. about 1834, and was married to Helen M. Raymond, who was born in 1832. Thomas Tallmadge died at Oneonta N.Y., in 1900.

He had a family of 11 children, and remarkable indeed is the fact that all are living, the oldest being 63 years of age. The family comprises: J. G. Raymond Tallmadge, Josiah C. Tallmadge Alice A., Helen E., Edward C., Carolyn T., Matilda J., Thomas D., Benjamin I., Mae and R. Dewitt Tallmadge.

The latter named was called after the famous T. Dewitt Tallmadge, preacher of the Tallmadge generations.

Thomas D. Tallmadge, who is with Underwood & Underwood in New York, is the greatest Miniature artist in the country and takes the lead in color over all others.

Benjamin I. Tallmadge is a prominent lawyer at Windham, Ed. Tallmadge was for over 30 years with John G. Myers at Albany, and Raymond Tallmadge for the same length of time with Van Slyke and Horton at Albany.

## JOSEPH MALCOLM

Joseph Malcolm, a veteran of the Grand Army and at the head of the Malcolm Manuf'g Co, Catskill, passed away after a brief illness, aged 74 years, October 1912. He served in the 49th Mass. Vol. He was a director of the Catskill National Bank. He is survived by his wife and son J. Lewis Malcolm, an attorney of Catskill, who was married to Miss Jessie Chase, a daughter of Justice Emory A. Chase.

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### GEORGE B. VAN VALKENBURGH

The subject of this sketch, Mr. George B. Van Valkenburgh, was born in the village of Lexington, and is the son of James M. Van Valkenburgh, deceased, and Mary Alice O'Hara, at present residing in Catskill. He received his early education in the public schools in and about Lexington, and in 1890 was graduated from Manhattan college, in New York city. After a service of some duration with the firm of Barber and Zeigler, harbor distributors for the Pennsylvania Coal Company, Mr. Van Valkenburgh became secretary and treasurer of the Lexington Co-operative Creamery Association, in which capacity he retained his connection with the association until its sale to the Sheffield Farms, Slawson-Decker Company.

Taking a deep interest in political life from the time he attained his majority, Mr. Van Valkenburgh soon after that time became an active worker in the Democratic party, and in the year 1900 he was appointed clerk to the Board of Supervisors of Greene county, a position he held until 1910, when he was elected to the office of county clerk, defeating Edwin S. Anthony, of Cocksackie, who at that time was deputy county clerk under D. Geroe Greene, of Cocksackie, by a substantial majority.

It was Mr. Van Valkenburgh's good fortune to enter upon the discharge of his official duties in the commodious and handsomely furnished offices in the new county building, and it is not improper to say that the character of his services as county clerk have been in keeping with his surroundings indeed, under his administration many little improvements in equipment and system have been made possible. Mr. Van Valkenburgh was re-elected county clerk in 1913, defeating Dayton B. Smith, of Cocksackie. He is, and has been for a number of years, chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and is also a member of the Democratic State Committee. During the construction of the Ashokan reservoir by the Board of Water Supply of New York

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city, Mr. Van Valkenburgh served as commissioner from Greene county.

Mr. Van Valkenburgh has always taken an abiding interest in state roads, and it was largely due to his influence that the bill making the construction of the Clove Mountain highway possible became a law.

Fraternally he is connected with Kingston Lodge, No. 550, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Feeling that in the future his business interests would be identified to some extent with Catskill, he publicly announced his citizenship of that village by casting his vote at the Charter election held on Tuesday, March 30, 1915.

### MAJOR JAMES MONROE VAN VALKENBURGH

Major James Monroe Van Valkenburgh, an old and honored resident of Greene county, was born in 1842, and lived the greater part of his life in the village of Lexington. Major Van Valkenburgh received his education in the Roxbury academy, and was still a youth when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted in the Eightieth New York Volunteers as 2nd lieutenant of Company G. and was badly wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, while carrying his superior officer Col. George W. Pratt, from the field. For bravery upon the field of battle he was promoted to 1st. lieutenant on September 17 and was honorably discharged from service on January 13, 1863, his wounds having rendered it impossible for him to continue in the army. Returning to Lexington he built the Monroe House which he conducted for a number of years and for a number of years after the war he was also interested in mercantile pursuits. During the years 1874 and 1875 Major Van Valkenburgh represented Lexington town in the Board of Supervisors, and upon different occasions he served his town as its superintendent of highways. He was the son of Lucas Van Valkenburgh and Amelia Peck. Major Van Valkenburgh passed to rest July 7, 1912.

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### PRESIDENT GEO. C. FOX OPENS WEST SHORE ROAD

When the West Shore railroad was opened in 1882, George C. Fox then president of the village received an invitation from the railroad company to be present, and with the other members of the Board of whom Theodore Cole and William Smith were members hired a drum corps, and trotted out a cannon and there was a big celebration. It was a great event for Catskill.

### THOMAS SEIFFERTH, JR.

Thomas Seifferth Jr. of Hunter, who represents that town in the Greene county Board of Supervisors, represents not only one of the most important and progressives sections of the county, but he has shown that he possesses an executive ability that has rarely been seen in men who have for long years represented their town in political fields. He is energetic, thoroughgoing and has shown clearly that he is advancing the best interests of the town in every way. He is popular in the board, and has been appointed on the best committees, and his work whether in dealing with the taxes, roads or other interests has been noteworthy and commendable. He is a young man and never dabbled in politics. The office of supervisor came to him unsought and there is every reason to show that the confidence placed in him by the citizens of Hunter was not misplaced. A splendid official, and he will be retained indefinitely in all probability.

He was born June 23. 1878, at Platte Clove, town of Hunter, on the place where he now resides. His father, Thomas Seifferth, Sr., was born in Germany, 1832, and is still living with his son. His mother was born in Donegall Co., Ireland, 1830, and died at Platte Clove, in 1909.

Thomas Seifferth, Jr. married D. Frances Farrell, April, 1903, and they have no children. He served as tax collector of the town of Hunter four years before being elected as Supervisor. He is the youngest man who has ever represented the town of Hun-

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ter in the Board of Supervisors.

The Seifferths came to town of Hunter nearly 50 years ago, and at that time there were only three or four houses where the village of Tannersville now stands.

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### DAYTON B. SMITH

The Smiths were before the flood and they have been after the flood, and as discoverers, pioneers, inventors, heroes and great men in all the walks and activities of life, the Smiths must have the award of priority. The mother of Columbus was a Smith, and Henry Hudson was indebted to the Smiths for his good ship Half Moon. There were Smiths in his hearty crew, and Smiths of the hardy sort that settled along the Hudson. Greene county has had thousands of them.

The Cocksackie Smiths settled in that section around 1700 and they are right on the job yet in every way.

Dayton B. Smith, who has represented the town of Cocksackie in the Greene County Board of Supervisors since 1910, has demonstrated that he is pastmaster in looking after the welfare of his town, and is likely to be kept right at the head of the column as long as he will consent to take what is a troublesome and thankless job generally.

He has been in business in Cocksackie since 1901. He was born in Cocksackie on June 20th 1874, and was married to Frances Doherty on Oct. 24, 1900. The members of his family are Ellen Doherty Smith, and Frances Simmons Smith. His father was born at Potter's Hollow, Albany county, and married Juliette Simmons. The members of his family were Grace and Dayton B. Smith. Mr. Smith has represented the village and town as town clerk and Supervisor.

He is a member of the 2nd Reformed church, Ark Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M.; Eureka Lodge, No. 31, K. of P.; and of the Geo. H. Scott Hook and Ladder No. 1.



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WALTER J. DECKER

The subject of this sketch, Walter J. Decker, was born at Hillsdale, N. Y., where he lived his boyhood days, and where he acquired the rudiments of a liberal education in the public schools. Of the first class organized under the rules and regulations of the State Normal College, he was not only a member, but bore the distinction of being the youngest. While in this institution he applied himself with diligence, completed the course in the allotted time, graduated at the age of twenty and received a life license to teach in the public schools of the State of New York.

His first experience in teaching was in the public school a

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Canaan, N. Y., where he taught one year; then succeeded to the principalship of the Murray Hill Schools in New Jersey. Here he taught the higher branches and supervised the work in the grades for a period of eleven years; and it was avowed by the patrons and those in authority, that, under his management, the schools improved with each succeeding year.

While in New Jersey, he united with St. Luke's Episcopal church; became an active worker; served the Church in the capacity of junior warden and superintendent of the Sunday school for five years. In 1896, he married Anna B. Kuehn, daughter of Henry C. Kuehn of Scotch Plains, N. J. Their home is now blessed with the companionship of three children.

In 1905, he resigned his position in New Jersey, and accepted the principalship of the Union School at Hunter, N. Y., in September of that year. By reason of observation, experience and years of study, he had acquired that degree of skill and efficiency which enabled him to discharge the duties of this position, not simply with entire satisfaction, but with a marked degree of success. Within two years after he assumed the duties of principal this school became a middle high school; within three years, a senior high school; and March 4th, 1909, it was advanced to a full high school, being approved in each instance by the State Department of Education for the attendance of non-resident academic pupils at the expense of the State.

The ability to teach, organize and discipline implies common sense, good judgment and foresight. These attributes and qualities of Mr. Decker were fully recognized and appreciated by patrons of the school, the Board of Education and the representatives of the State Department of Education.

The further progress of his career, the writer here observes, was determined by the success, training and experience which he had gained by his years of study and professional activity. In 1911 the board of school directors of the third supervisory district of Greene county, comprising the towns of Ashland, Halcott, Hunter Jewett, Lexington and Prattsville, elected him district superin-

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tendent of the schools, and he entered upon his duties January 1st 1912.

His preparation, experience and considerate judgment have enabled him to render efficient service. The communities have co-operated with him in bringing the schools to a high standard of excellence and more in accord with the ideas of present-day education. Thus the work of the schools has been brought into closer relation to the life of the people. While due emphasis has been placed on the fundamental interests, reading courses have been established for teachers and pupils. Domestic science and agricultural contests are conducted each year. Meetings for teachers and school officers are frequently held for the discussion of methods of teaching and to establish greater efficiency in school management.

Mr. Decker is identified with the Masonic fraternity. He is Master of Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 807 F. & A. M. and a member of Mountain Chapter, No. 250, R. A. M.

In the activities of life he has shown himself, by energy and stability of character, to be a man of cautious temper, unblemished integrity and exact sincerity.

Men are worthy, because of their excellence of character. In enterprise, promotion comes to them because, of their training, ability and character par-excellent.

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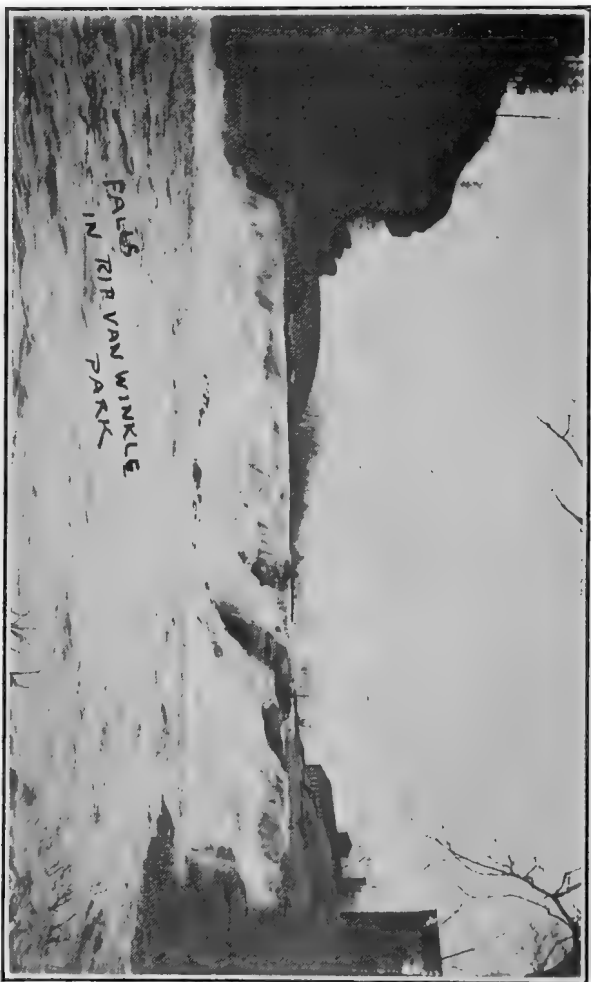
### JOHN D SMITH

John D Smith died at his home in Catskill March, 28, aged 65 years. He was a son of Luke Smith, an early resident of Catskill, and was in partnership with him in the shoe business. He established the Catskill Daily Mail in 1878, and in 1899 was postmaster of Catskill.

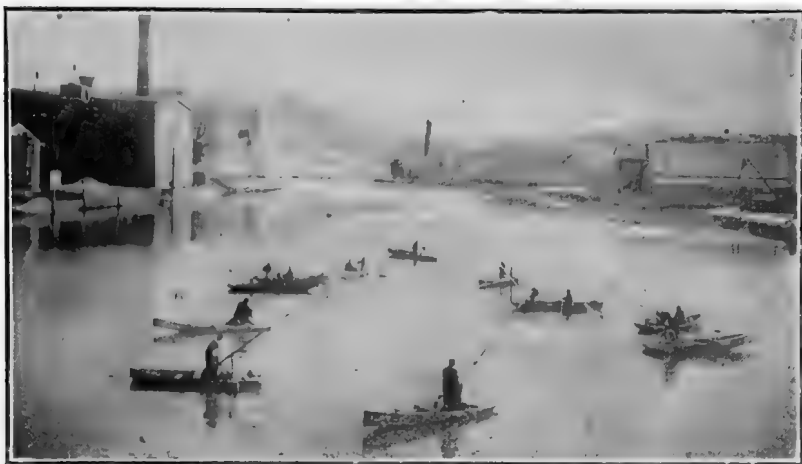
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### BYRON SUNDERLAND

The Rev. Byron Sunderland died at the home of his son-in-law, Bank President Orrin Day, in July 1901. He was born at Shoreham, Vt. in 1819, and graduated from Middlebury College. He was pastor of churches in Syracuse, and Washington where he was for many years chaplain of the Senate. He was also associated with T. Dewitt Tallmadge in his work at Brooklyn tabernacle.



FALLS  
IN TRIP VAN WINKLE  
PARK



### Fishing for Carp in Catskill Creek

In 1912, thousands of carp, weighing from 8 to 45, and even 60 pounds, were taken by means of carp nets. The above scene is duplicated most any day, but the carp are smaller.



### The Italian Parade of 1914

Officers Joseph Reilly and James Fitzsimmons leading the Pageant,

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**Notaries Public For Greene County**

Appointed 1915.

Ashland—Francis L. Dodge.

Athens—Sarah M. Hyer, O. Gates Porter.

Cairo—Richard A. Austin.

Catskill—William W. Bennett, Lee F. Betts, Beulah W. Bloodgood, P. Gardner Coffin, Seth T. Cole, John L. Fray, Geo. S. Harding, Orloff T. Heath, Clarence Howland, James L. Malcolm, Charles E. Nichols, William Palmatier, Harvey S. Scutt, Wendell S. Sherman, Myrtle E. Smith.

Coxsackie—Earthe M. Carter, Wellman R. Church, Arthur J. Collier, Harrie McK Curtiss, Daniel H. Daley, Ernest Miller.

East Jewett—Cyrus W. Van Valkenburgh.

Freehold R. D. 1—Alton D. Gibson.

Greenville—Orrin C. Stevens, E. Lyman Wood.

Greenville Center—Leander W. Hallock.

Haines Falls—Joseph K. Burkle, Christopher A. Martin, Samuel E. Rusk.

Hensonville—Theodore H. Merwin.

Hunter—George F. Ferris.

Leeds—Louis F. Teich. †

Lexington—Frank E. Beggs, George B. Van Valkenburgh.

Medway—William N. Miller.

New Baltimore—Melvin P. Hotaling.

Oak Hill—Fred S. Anthony, Isaac U. Tripp.

Prattsville—Elmer Krieger, George R. Laverick, Thomas J. O'Hara.

Palenville—Adam A. Pelham.

Tannersville—Edward W. Lackey, Cyrus Showers.

Urlton—Augustus V. Simmons.

West Coxsackie—William B. Townsend.

Westkill—Sherwood Clawson, Robert S. Tuttle.

Windham—Ellsworth E. Sharpe, Ernest E. Myer, Jr., Benjamin J. Tallmadge.

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EDWARD REYNOLDS

### **Greene County Society**

The Greene County Society, which is made up of men who hailed from Greene county or who are still residents of Greene county was organized in 1904, in New York city and every year since an annual gathering has been held in that city with a banquet, excepting in 1915. One of the principal men to promote this organization was Senator William P. Fiero, Charles L. Rickerson and Commodore Van Santvoord. At the head of the society is Edward Reynolds and roster of men all prominent in the business world:

President—Edward Reynolds, 1st. Vice-Pres.—E. B. Van Deusen, 2d Vice-Pres.—J. H. Thomas, 3d. Vice-Pres.—Dorville S. Coe, 4th Vice-Pres.—Chas. E. Russell, Secretary-Treasurer—C. E. Rickerson, Registrar—Peter Fiero.

#### **DIRECTORS**

Edwin H. Snyder, Dr. Geo. F. Madigan Fred B. Dalzell

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| Wm. J. Minor     | Dr. Wm. B. Snow        | Hon. J F. Hylan   |
| O. L. Youmans    | Irving W. VanGorden    | Dr. W. B. Chase   |
| E. H. Dunham     | <u>W. B. DeLamater</u> | Andrew Colvin     |
| Allen R. Hicks   | Wm. H. McCabe          | E. B. Van Deusen  |
| Peter Fiero      | D. G. Cornin           | Henry W. Showers  |
| Chas. E. Russell | Peter S. Jennings      | Dr. Wm. Stevens   |
| Raymond H. Fiero | L. W. Mower            | Edward T. Dalzell |

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## Assemblymen of Greene County from 1800

The first assemblymen to represent Greene county then newly formed in 1800 were Thomas E. Barber and Caleb Benton, William Beach and Philip Conine, jr. in 1802.

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1803 George Hale,<br>M Schuneman     | 1804 Stephen Simmons<br>Stoddard Smith | 1805 Pat. Hamilton<br>Daniel Sayre   |
| 1806 John Ely<br>J Thompson          | 1807 J Thompson<br>Samuel Haight       | 1808 C T Hotaling<br>Perez Steel     |
| 1809 James Gale<br>E Reed            | 1810 Ben Chapman<br>Ira Day            | 1811 William Beach<br>Jonas Bronk    |
| 1812 John Ely<br>Simon Sayres        | 1813 John Adams<br>Perez Steel         | 1814 Willian Fraser<br>A Van Dyke    |
| 1815 James Gale<br>Martin Van Bergen | 1816 James Powers<br>Jacob Roggen      | 1817 Levi Callender<br>Justus Squire |
| 1818 John I Bronk<br>Jairus Strong   | 1819 James Foster<br>Isaac Van Loan    | 1820 Platt Adams<br>Aaron Reed       |
| 1821 James Powers<br>Jacob Roggen    | 1822 Reuben Hosford<br>William Seaman  | 1823 Caleb Coffin<br>Edward Daley    |
| 1824 Gilbert Bedell<br>A Bushnell    | 1825 Addison Porter<br>William Seaman  | 1826 Perkins King<br>William Tuttle  |
| 1827 Elisha Bishop<br>Wm Faulkner    | 1828 Moses Austin<br>Castle Seeley     | 1829 J Miller<br>H Quackenboss       |
| 1830 Lewis Benton<br>John Brandow    | 1831 E Hamilton<br>Dumah Tuttle        | 1833 Henry Goslee<br>Wm Pierson      |
| 1834 B Bagley<br>S Nichols           | 1835 D Ingersoll<br>A Van Bergen       | 1836 S Tryon<br>John Watson          |
| 1837 Thos Cooke<br>Peter Hubbell     | 1838 Platt Adams<br>Thos Cooke         | 1839 Gilbert Bedell<br>S Nichols     |
| 1840 Turhand Cooke<br>D Quackenboss  | 1841 Aaron Bushnell<br>Philip Teats    | 1843 John Laraway<br>A Van Slyke     |
| 1844 Robert C Field<br>L C Stimson   | 1845 D Hervey<br>G W Sager             | 1846 N Lawrence<br>P Van Bergen      |



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| 1847 Wm V Adams           | 1848 A Palmer             | 1849 A Bailey             |
| A Marks                   | F A Fenn                  | Albert Tuttle             |
| 1850 Alonzo Greene        | 1851 J A Cooke            | 1852 N H Gray             |
| Theo Prevost              | Henry Kinsley             | T Bedell, Jr.             |
| 1853 Darius Winans        | 1854 Joshua Fiero, Jr.    | 1855 M L Rickerson        |
| E P Bushnell              | G Robertson               | John C Palmer             |
| 1856 Buel Mabin           | 1857 David Whiting        | 1859 Daniel Strong        |
| M B Mattice.              | H Baldwin                 |                           |
| 1860 A R Macomber         | 1861 Gilbert Bedell       | 1862 J Coles              |
| 1863-4 Lorin Green        | 1865 Prentiss Hallenbeck  | 1866 E P Moore            |
| 1867 Thos A Briggs        | 1868 James Loughren       | 1869 B Griffin            |
| 1870 1 H Van Steenburgh,  | 1872 3 Augustus Hill,     | 1874 Horatio              |
| Lockwood, 1875 Benjamin F | Barkley, 1876 Burton G    | Morse, 1877               |
| Oscar T Humphrey, 1878    | Cicero C Peck, 1879       | George S. Stevens,        |
| 1880 Albert Parker, 1881  | Orlando L Newton, 1882    | Samuel H                  |
| Nichols, 1883 Frank S     | Decker, 1884 Bradley S    | McCabe, 1885-86           |
| Stephen T Hopkins, 1887   | John H Bagley, 1888       | Francis G Walters,        |
| 1890-1 Omar V. Sage, 1892 | Edward M Cole, 1893       | Capt. James Stead,        |
| 1894 Ira B Kerr, 1895     | Daniel G Greene, 1896-7   | Newton Sweet, 1898        |
| John J. Ellis, 1899       | D Geroe Greene, 1900      | Sylvester B. Sage, 1901-2 |
| William W Rider, 1903-4   | Charles E Nichols, 1905-6 | 7-8 9 William C           |
| Prady, 1910-11-12-13      | J L Patrie, 1914-5        | George H Chase.           |

These men from various sections of the county served their terms with signal ability, and some of them were returned term after term, W. C. Brady of Athens, and J. Lewis Patrie of Catskill having the longest terms.

Jacob Haight of Catskill in 1834 was state treasurer, and in 1861 Edward Hand of Catskill was banking superintendent.

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## Notable Events and Men

Cyrus W. Field, layer of the Atlantic Cable, was born at Durham in 1782, and was the son of Ambrose Field, a pioneer of that town.

Lyman Tremaine, the great lawyer and judge of Greene county, was born at Oak Hill, in 1812. He was attorney general of the state in 1857; he was also a member of the legislature 1865, and defended Edward S. Stokes, tried for the murder of James Fisk.

Uncle Barney Butts was the greatest bear hunter of Greene

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county. He was born near Windham in 1799, and his father and mother each lived to be 100 years of age. He died at the age of 75 years in 1874, and had killed over 100 bears, getting as many as 3 in a single day.

Anson P. Wright, of Durham, lived to be 95 years of age, and was a musician in the Revolution. He was born in 1792, and his wife was a daughter of Col. Bullock, an officer of the Revolution, who died at the age of 94 years.

Col. Platt Adams was born at Durham in 1792, and he represented Greene county in the legislature 1821-24, and in the senate in 1848-49. He was also colonel of the 49th regiment, holding that position for 10 years. He was supervisor of Durham 1825-28-34-38, and sheriff of Greene county 1828-30.

Col. Ezra Post, of Durham, was colonel of the 49th regiment in the war of 1812. His son William was also a colonel.

Capt. Aaron Thorpe built one of the first saw mills in the town of Durham in 1790, on Thorpe Creek. He served in the Revolutionary.

Capt. Ashiel Jones, of Hervey Street, was an officer in the Revolution, and settled in Durham, in 1788.

Moses Austin, of Durham, was a judge of the court of Common Pleas. He settled at Cornwallsville in 1806, and was an assemblyman in 1829.

Capt. Charles Johnson, of Durham, served in the Revolution, and a relative of Mrs. W. F. Lamont, of Catskill.

Thomas E. Barker, of Cornwallsville, settled at that place in 1790. He was a member of the legislature 1898-99, 1800; supervisor of Durham 1822-24; also judge of court of Common Pleas.

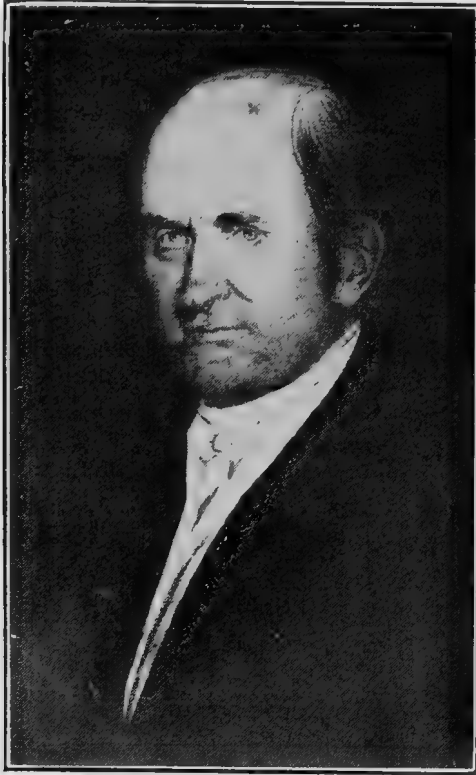
Caleb Benton was also from the town of Durham and was a judge of the court of Common Pleas.

Capt. Hinman, of Durham, was in the French and Indian war, 1755, and was with General Braddock at the time he was trapped by the Indians.

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Timothy Munger, of Durham, also served in the French and Indian war, 1755.



MACKEY CROSWELL

Publisher of the Catskill Packet, 1792, now Catskill Recorder. He retired from printing to the more strenuous occupation of village tavern keeper. His brother, Dr. A. H. Croswell, took up the duties of postmaster, being appointed by George Washington.

Mr. Croswell was in the drug business with Dr. Brace.

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### THE GALLT FAMILY

In the search of old books and documents that came into our possession while writing this history of Greene county we find mention made of William Galt great-great-grandfather of the writer, F. A. Gallt. Referring to the Linzey patent Fitch says in his history: "David Ramsey, James Campbell, William Galt and William Dixon from Ireland settled on the patent in 1742 at the village of Cherry Valley." At that time there were but 8 people in the entire township, and owing to the fear of the Indians there but 60 in 1752. Among that number was the Rev. Samuel Dunlop who taught a classical school, said to be the first one west of the Hudson river. Nov. 11, 1778 the Indians descended on the town and murdered the inhabitants, burning every building in the place. 16 continental officers and soldier were among the slain.

William Galt was among the number slain, but his sons John Galt and Joseph Galt escaped. He was one of 6 brothers who came to this country from Ireland, having fled from France during the persecution of the Huegenots.

From the old family bible printed in 1728, which was in the possession of William Galt at the time of the massacre in 1778 and in the handwriting of William Galt we find that William Galt, son of William Galt was born in the Parish of Kilragh and county Enbron, in the Kingdom of Ireland. Came to America in Nov. 1740. Was married to Margaret Harper, daughter of John and Abigail Harper, at Cherry Valley, August, 1765, by the Reverend Mr. Dunlop. John Gallt, oldest son of William and Margaret Galt, was born at Cherry Valley, July 24, 1766. Was baptised by the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. John Galt escaped at the time of the massacre. Joseph Galt, born 1773, also escaped.

The Gallts settled later at Cato, Cayuga Co., moving to Harpersfield, and then to Jefferson where in 1869 Frank A. Gallt was born.

The old bible lacking 13 years of being 200 is in his possession as are also a number of books that were the property of the Rev. Mr. Dunlop. Two of these books were printed in 1793, and

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have written in them the names of William Galt and Joseph Galt, "his book". They were called "Dessertations of the Prophesies" by Thomas Newton DD, 10th edition. Edinburgh, MDCCXIII and dedicated to 'his Grace, the Lord Bishop of Canterbury.'" The books are bound in heavy leather and yellow with age.

The Harper family were conspicuous in the early colonial history of Schoharie county, Mrs. James Galt being a Smith, and her mother a Harper. also tracing to Tim Murphy, the Indian fighter.

The record also shows the births of William Galt, May 1, 1767, Minerva Galt, James Galt, Margaret and Matthew Galt, all of whom were baptised by the Rev. Mr. Dunlop at 'Cheryvaly.'

The name of William Galt is among those carved on the Tryon county monument at Cherry Valley. Showing the names of the persons who were massacred by the Indians and Tories under Brandt. William Galt was knocked on the head with a gun, scalped and left for dead. He lived for a day or two.

Frank A. Galt, Publisher of the Catskill Enterprise, established October 1898. Born Jan. 1, 1859, at Jefferson, Scho. County, N. Y. Father and mother James and Hetty V. Galt, of Harpersfield, Delaware county. Married Oct. 26, 1882, to Carrie E. Pratt of Oak Hill, N. Y. Learned the printing business a Jefferson Courier office, and was educated at Stamford academy. Studied art at Paterson, and came to Catskill in March 1882. Employed on the Catskill Recorder, later with the Examiner.

Served 5 years Company E., Honorary member of Citizens' Hose Company. Formerly secretary and treasurer of company, and member of the running team. Has five sons, William, Robert, Frank E., Joseph, Raymond, and one daughter, Reba M., wife of marketman Fred E. Field.

James Galt, father of F. A. Galt, was born and his early life spent in a log house and the first pair of shoes that he had to wear was after he was big enough to make them himself.

August 12, 1862, J. Gault received a patent and put in

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circulation encased postage stamps which were used all over the country as money. These consisted of a stamp with a layer of mica over the face framed in a round metal case. They were 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 30 and 90 cents. And all of these stamps enclosed are at a premium today of from 75 cents to \$12.

Sir John Galt was a member of the British Parliament.

Dr. Robert Galt established the Fox Memorial Hospital at Oneonta. Col. Fox who married his daughter, being shot in the Rebellion.

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### CLAUDE H. HEATH

Claude H. Heath, Worshipful Master of Catskill Lodge 468, F. & A.M. year 1914. Was born at Cooksburgh, Albany, Co., on August 12th, 1876 and came to Catskill April 1st, 1898. Married Jessie L. Moore of Mackey, Schoharie Co. on June 14th, 1899. Have no children.

Employed, as miller at the Rushmore mill, Catskill Mountain Ry Co. and by the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co. as locomotive engineer and on May 19th, 1911, was appointed Railroad Fire Inspector in the Catskill Forest Preserve, on June 5th, 1912, was appointed Chief Inspector for the Conservation Commission, State of New York, which position he now holds.

He is a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Catskill, Catskill Lodge 468, F. & A. M., Catskill Chapter R. A. M. 285, Lafayette Commandery 7, Hudson, N. Y., Cyprus Temple A. A. O. N. of the Mystic Shrine of Albany, N. Y. Catskill Chapter O. E. S. 293, Catskill, N. Y. Catskill Masonic Club, (Past President) also a member of Citizens Hose Company No. 5. of Catskill N. Y. Ex-Member of Co. E. N. G. N. Y.

### MAJOR AUGUSTINE PREVOST

Major Augustine Prevost, owner of a patent of 7000 acres of land at Greenville, was born at Geneva, Switzerland, and served in the French and Indian wars, in the Royal American regiment, of which his father was colonel. He moved to Greenville in 1794, and occupied the old house of which we show a picture elsewhere. He died at Greenville in 1821.

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### Prominent Greene County Men

#### FREDERICK GOSLEE

Frederick Goslee, who represents the town of Jewett in the Greene County Board of Supervisors, is one of the leading men of that town, and having served several terms in the board naturally is regarded by his fellow townsmen as the right man in the right place. The town of Jewett has certainly been well looked after by him.

The Goslees were among the early settlers of that town, coming to this country from Connecticut soon after the Revolution.

Frederick M. Goslee was born at Jewett in 1866, and is the son of Milton Goslee. His mother was Esther L. Goslee. He was married to Frances E. Brainard in 1897 and has four children, Milton B., H. Reginald, F. Howard and Helen Esther.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Jewett, and Mountain lodge, No. 529, Windham.

Various members of the Goslee family have served the town and county in official stations. Munsion Buell, great great grandfather of Frederick Goslee, had the distinction of being county judge, and Henry Goslee, a great uncle, was also county judge. Henry Goslee, great great grandfather, was one of the early settlers of the town of Woodstock, later Windham and then Lexington, and finally now Jewett, being the different arrangements of the original territory of Woodstock, Ulster county. He bears the very considerable distinction of having been a soldier in the Revolution, and having been one of the guard over Major Andre, who was captured by the American forces with plans of West Point fortifications in his possession, that had been given to him by Benedict Arnold for delivery to the British. He was shot in the leg in the fight at Stony Point, and for years carried the bullet. The doctors were unable to locate it, but one day he took his pocket knife and performed the operation for its removal himself.

Other members of the Goslee family are scattered all through the towns of the county, and the state as well.

Edgar B. Goslee, of Tannersville, an adjoining town, served in the Board of Supervisors for a number of years, being in the Board with Frederick Goslee.

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### LEWIS HOOSE

The Hoose family were among the early settlers of the town of Greenville, and the Hooses have always stood for progress and the welfare of the community in which they lived. Supervisor Lewis Hoose of Greenville is no exception to the rule. Unassuming and retiring he never pressed himself into politics, and naturally enough it was with great reluctance that he yielded to the pleadings of his party to represent the town in the Board of Supervisors, for his election was taken as a matter of course. His work in the Board was very gratifying to his friends and the town profited by his wisdom. The affairs of the town at home were never better looked after than since they have been in his hands.

Lewis Hoose was the son of Wm. H. Hoose and his mother was Miss Lucinda Webb, of Urlton, town of Coxsackie, and they had a family of two children.

Lewis Hoose was born on Feb. 5, 1858, and was married March 1st, 1879 to Fannie J. Hotaling of Coeymans Hollow, Albany County. The members of his family are three sons, Eugene, Arthur and Charles.

He attends the M. E. church at Greenville. Is Charter Member of Lyman Tremaine Lodge No. 265 I. O. O. F. Oak Hill, N. Y., also Charter Member Park Green Council Royal Arcanum No. 684 Greenville N. Y., and member of Zeus Lodge No. 360 Knights of Pythias, Greenville, N. Y.

He served the town of Greenville as Highway Commissioner during the years of 1894-1895-1899-1903-1904-1905-1906.

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### OMAR V. SAGE

Omar Van Leuven Sage, Former Warden of Sing Sing Prison, was born at Catskill, N.Y. December 17, 1834. He was for several years employed as a bookkeeper in New York City and later with his brothers conducted a general store at Prattsville, N. Y.



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From 1865 to 1872 he was in the commission business in New York City.

In 1880, he established the coal business at Catskill, which he now conducts.

He has served as Supervisor of Prattsville, as County Clerk of Greene County, and in 1889 and 1890 was a member of the State Assembly. From October, 1894 to May, 1899 he was Warden of Sing Sing Prison; and from October, 1899 to July, 1904, was Superintendent of the House of Refuge on Randall's Island. In July 1863 he enlisted in Company A 86th. Regt., N. G. N. Y.: was made captain, August 22, of the same year; Ordinance Officer 8th. Brigade, July 8, 1867; Assistant Adjutant General, 8th. Brigade, and Lieutenant Colonel, October 8, 1874; his commission expiring February 11, 1875; re-enlisted, 16th. Separate Company, October 8, 1879; Ordinance Officer Fifth Brigade, and captain, January 31, 1883; and Major, Apr. 23, 1883. Major Sage is a Mason a director of the Catskill National Bank, and president of the Co-Operative Fire Insurance Company and of the Commercial Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He married Julia F. Houghtaling, February 15, 1868.

Col. O. V. Sage traces to David Sage, who was born in 1639, in Wales and was one of the first settlers at Middletown, Ct., in 1652, where the stone marking his grave is still standing. From his generations come 90 per cent of the the Sages in the United States, a very large and honored family.

Benjamin and Daniel Sage were with Arnold at Quebec and also with General Gates at the time of Burgoyne's surrender. Among the 20 members of the Sage family in the Revolution Comfort Sage was a colonel.

David Sage was killed in the fighting at Quebec.

William Sage was killed in the fight at Bunker Hill.

Moses Sage was killed in the fight at Lexington.

Hosea Sage died at West Point.

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James Sage was with General George Washington at Monmouth, N. J.

Captain Nathan Sage was a privateer and had the distinguished honor of capturing an English transport loaded with ammunition at a time when the colonies were in great need of powder. Later he was a judge, and died in 1833, at Oswego, where he was collector of the port,

Moses Sage was impressed into the British service, but jumped overboard and escaped after swimming about three miles.

Sparrow S. Sage, in 1812, found that during his absence from home his wife had been taken captive, and he trailed the party, having only an axe as defense. Coming up with the Indian who had the captives, he rushed at him with his axe, and the savage attempted to shoot but the flintlock missed fire, and Sage's axe did its deadly work. He returned home with the Indian's scalp, gun and tommyhawk, and his wife and another woman who had been captured.

Miles Sage was captured by the British at Haddenfield, N. J., and after being bayoneted was left for dead. He recovered.

The Hon. Russel Sage was a congressman many years, and a great railroad man.

David Sage had two sons, David, born 1665 and John, born 1668. John Sage had one son, born 1696 and his son, Benjamin, was born in 1703. Benjamin had 5 sons, Benjamin, Daniel, Harleigh, Selah and John, and 4 daughters, Sarah, Chloie, Lucia and Elsie.

Daniel Sage, his son, was born in 1756, and he had 8 sons, of whom Jewett was born in 1793, and had 6 sons and 4 daughters. He lived at New Berlin and was 5th from David.

Nelson Sage, son of Jewett, was born in 1836, and had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Daniel Sage, was grandfather of Omar V. Sage. He was

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born at Conesville, N. Y. in 1785, and had 3 sons and 5 daughters.

His oldest son, Hart C. Sage, was father of Omar V. Sage. He had 3 sons, Omar C. 1834, Omar V. 1834, and Sylvester B. 1836.

Omar V. Sage was 10th generation from David and has had 3 children, Clarissa H., Elizabeth H., and Mary A.

Sylvester B. Sage was for many years in business in Catskill in the Meech building, and his son, Clarence, is in the coal business with Omar V. Sage.

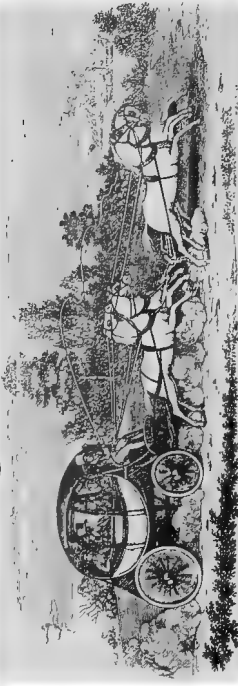
John Sage died at the age of 88 years and had 15 children, 120 grand children, and 40 great grand children, according to the tablet in the old grave yard at Cromwell, Ct., 1752.



Salisbury House, Leeds.

The Salisbury Manor house is still standing practically the same as when it was built, on the heights west of Leeds. It was built in 1630.

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There have been some remarkable changes near the Hop-o-Nose. Here was located the famous old Stone Jug mansion with its colonial times history. This mansion gave way to the continuous kiln of the shale brick plant. The headland opposite the point of rock was blasted out and carted away and gave place to the big machinery building of the shale plant, which was commenced in 1882. On this headland in that year the Steamer Emaline of Pokeepsie, bearing a number of fire companies was sunk. The continuous kiln and the great stack that surmounts it were a grand piece of mason work built by Contractor George W. Holdridge. The big stack has been struck by lightning a number of times but stands erect and almost without a scar, except a few bricks at the summit. Mr. Holdridge also built the big stacks on the lower plant that now does the burning of the brick.

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Little Falls House, South Cairo, Destroyed by Fire 1914.

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### M. EDW. SILBERSTEIN.

M. Edw. Silberstein, publisher and editor of the Catskill Daily Mail, was born in New York city 38 years ago. When yet a young man he became intensely interested in newspaper work, his initial appearance in that field being in 1895, when he became manager of the "Show," a little journal published by the Madison Square Company of New York city. Here his duties were to take care of the advertising, a responsibility he assumed with but scant experience, but with a determination to learn the business from the ground up. The years 1898 and 1899 found him a little further advanced, his connection at that time being as one of the publishers of the Society Journal, of New York and the Far Rock-away Guide. A little later he joined the advertising staff of the New York American, representing that great Metropolitan daily as its solicitor for summer resort advertising in the Catskill mountains. In this capacity he remained 10 years, and while employed on the American he became interested in street car advertising, and for some time controlled the advertising of the street railroad companies in Catskill, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Peekskill, New Paltz, Highland, Hudson and Albany. He finally disposed of his interests to Ward and Gow, of New York city and, in the year 1906, purchased the Catskill Daily Mail.

During his residence in Catskill, a period of about 15 years, Mr. Silberstein has proven that there is an exception to every rule, for he is one New Yorker who loves the open, and no inducement could lure him back to the city. All his interests, his business, residence and social affiliations are so closely allied to Catskill and Greene county, that in the fullness of time he will be written down, an old timer, almost a native.

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### WILLIAM JOESBURY

William Joesbury has been assessor of the village of Catskill for twenty-five years. In 1890 to 1894 he was postmaster of Catskill under President Harrison. In 1865 he became a member of F. N. Wilson Fire company, leaving it in 1869 to organize Citizens' Hose company. He has been chief of the fire department, postmaster and clerk of the village of Catskill.

## The Militia

We do not find much in regard to the early wars so far as Greene county is concerned. Representative men from the section came into prominence and among them were Col. Pratt, Major Prevost, General Haight, Colonel Dubois, and others and a good many men were in the ranks serving during the campaigns along the Mohawk river, upper Hudson River and in the Champlain section, Benjamin Tryon of Coxsackie is said to have come to this country with Captain Kidd the great pirate, and served in the revolution. Capt. John Pratt, George Wright, James Utter and Augustus Pratt, of Durham were veterans of the revolution, and Captain Hinman and Timothy Munger also of Durham served in the Indian wars. Capt. Electus Pratt also of Durham lost his arm at the battle of Gettysburgh. Reuben Stebbens of Greenville, Silas Rockwell of Durham, and Col. Ezra Post served in the war 1812. Col. Ashiel Jones of Durham served in the Revolution.

The old Indian trail ran from Catskill to Oak Hill, Preston Hollow and Middleburgh and on to the Mohawk valley. During the revolution the Mohawk Indians in this section became hostile and some of their prisoners, the Abeels, Henry Plank of Oak Hill and a few others were taken over this route to Canada. The Abeels returned but Plank did not come back. A man named Howard was also carried to Canada.

In the Hermance Library at Coxsackie has been preserved a number of matters in regard to the revolutionary period that are most valuable. These show that as early as 1740 John L. Bronk was commissioned a captain in the 11th regiment of which Anthony Van Bergen of Coxsackie was Colonel. A remarkable number of men, population considered, saw service in the revolution from the district of Coxsackie, which was designated in 1772, and embraced sections now Greenville, Durham, New Baltimore, Cairo, and from the names that appear it would seem that Catskill men must have been in the list.

In Anthony Van Bergen's regiment 1777, John L. Bronk, adjutant, W. J. Van Orden, quarter master. Joachim Tryon,



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lieutenant. Cornelius Conine, ensign. Derrick Leverson, sergeant. John Van Buskirk, fifer. John Whitbeck, capt. Wessell Salisbury lieut. Henry Van Bergen, ensign. John Van Vechten and John Du Bois lieutenants. John Wigram 2d lieut.

In Captain Henry Van Bergen's company there were Peter Bronk, Richard Bronk, Matthias Bloom, Jacob Bogardus, Henry Bogardus, Manning Bogardus, John Baptiste, Ephraim Bronk, John G. Bronk, Philip Bronk. Peter A. Van Bergen, Godfrey Brandow, John Brandow, John Boom,

Cornelius Conine, Peter Conine, Jeremian Conine, Peter Conyn, Hermanius Cuyler, Michael Colier, James Chichester, Daniel Clarke, Samuel Chichester, John Carle, Christopher Dise, John Dise.

Samuel Folton, Leonard Fore, Caleb Foster.

John Garrett, Samuel Garrett, Isaac Garrett.

Thomas Houghtaling, Henry Houghtaling, Richard Houghtaling.

Peter Joans, Thomas Joans, John Jans.

Stephen Lantman.

James Magee, Samuel Mott.

Joachim Van Pelt, Stephen Parmun, Jacob Parmun, Solomon Parmun.

Edward Roberts.

Cornelius Sluyter, Nathan Stanton, Ebenezer Stanton, Joseph Stanton, James Stanton.

Lawrence Tead, Robert Trips, Wilson Ostrander.

Richard Vandenburg, Peter Van Pelt, Teunis Van Slyke, Peter Vandenburg, Joechem Van Pelt, Baltus Van Slyke, Lucas Van Deusen, Teunis P. Van Slyke, Jacobus Van Slyke, Hendrick Van Slyke, Dirck Van Slyke, Tunis Vanderzee, Peter Van Slyke, Anthony Van Bergen, Peter A. Van Bergen, Robert Vandenburg. Richard Vandenburg, Martin Vandenburg, Samuel Van Pelt.

Nicholas Wells, William Wells, John Wagoner, Adam Wood, John Wigram, John Watson, Solomon Wiggs.

In addition to the above list there were some nine months men listed for 1776.

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Johannes Brandow, Godfrey Brandow, Casperus Bronk, Ephraim Bronk, Philip P. Bronk, Peter Bronk.

Jeremiah Conine.

Christopher Dise.

Peter Shaddon, Richard Sherman,

Stephen Lantman.

John Vandenburg, Robert Vandenburg, Richard Vandenburg, William Vandenburg, Peter Van Slyke, Albert Vanderzee.

A good many of these families are represented today at Cocksackie notably the Van Bergens, Bronks, and Van Slykes.

The men who served in Capt. Samuel Van Vechten's Company formed in 1776 were:

Samuel Van Vechten, captain. John Hoodghkirk and John Ball, lieutenants. Daniel Everts, ensign. Ralph Cole, Charles Shaver, Isaac Overbaugh, Joseph Bettes and Teunis VanWagonen, sergeants. Andrew Dunlap, Justus Valkner, Ambrose Tuttle, Gilbert Van Debogart and Stephen Mason, corporals. David Floyd, fifer. Elijah Manrole, drummer.

The privates were:

Moses Akine, Valentine Asken, Jacob Asten.

John Barnett, Joseph Bettes, Atchison Bullock.

Abraham, Cammer, Robert Cannada, William Caniff, Joseph Conklin, Michael Coombs, Peter Coombs, Peter Crapo.

William Evans, John Emerigh.

Jacob Farrington, William Flangler, Francis Flamin.

William Grimsey, James Giers, John Griffith.

Matthew Halenbeck, Michael Harp, James Halstead.

Nathaniel James.

William King,

Peter Laraway, Jacob Livingston, John Low.

Isaac Marick, Stephen Mason, David Miller, John McIlmol John Mizner.

Peter Ostrander.

Joseph Parker.

Edward Ray, John Roberts.

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Benjamin Samons, Solomon Scutt, Thomas Staats, Francis Smith.

Cornelius Taylor, John Taylor, Ambrose Tuttle.

Jacob Van Tesley, Christian Van Vorst, Gilbert Vandebo-gart.

Jeremiah Wolfe.

John Young.

Of the above 17 deserted. They carried guns, pistols and tommyhawks.

The first regiment that went out from this section in 1861 was under command of Col. George W. Pratt, and from that time to the end of the war there was a stream of volunteers from Greene county and Companies D. K. and F. of the 120th New York were from here, the 5th heavy artillery had more of our men, and the draft of 1862 covered a list of over 1800 men. Many of these men were unfit for service and some found substitutes. Various bounties up to \$750 were offered to volunteers. The report of the county treasurer in 1864 showed that \$822,502 was raised on the County bonds to pay for volunteers. The total number of men furnished was 4190. Showing in a faint manner the awful drain of war upon this section. Many of these men never returned, and others came back crippled and maimed for life. A few still remain scattered over the county.

During the Revolution, 17 regiments were raised in New York and in 1777 the Colonel of the 11th regiment was Colonel Anthony Van Bergen of Cocksackie, and the lieutenant Colonel Cornelius Du Bois, whose picture we have shown on another page in connection with the history of the Du Bois family. The cottage of Cornelius Du Bois is also shown on another page. Cornelius died in poverty. Though up to the last of his life he used to sit by the old fire place, with his pipe and tobacco and narrate his campaigns against the Indians in the Mohawk valley and along Lake Champlain.

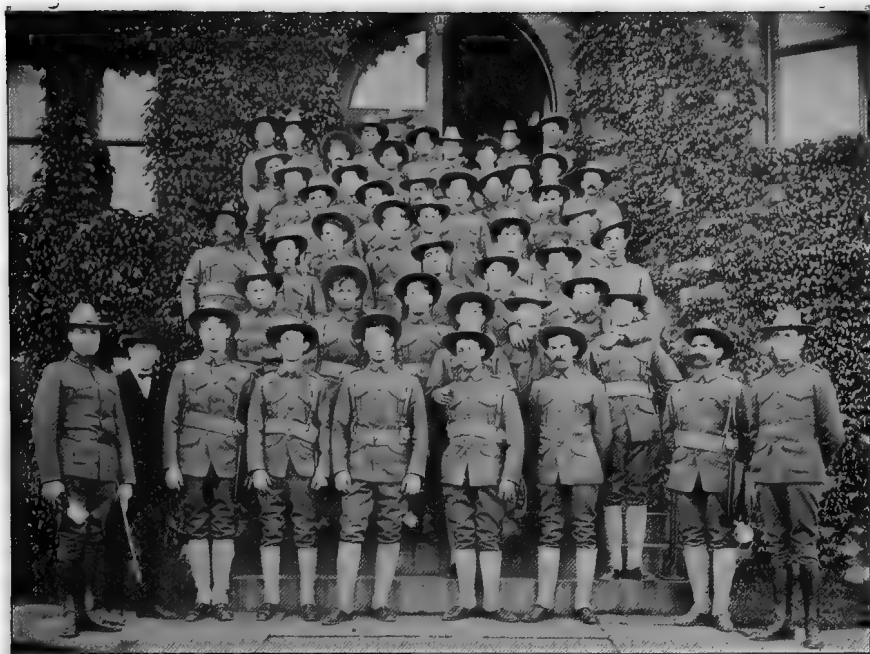
The last of the war bonds were paid in 1909.



Armory of Co. E., before recent Improvement

The history of company E. which was organized in 1880 as the 16th Separate Company, completes the military record of Greene county. The first drill hall was over what is now Waggoner's store and the law offices in the Sage Building at the corner of Main and William streets, and Col. Omar V. Sage was the first commanding officer. The company had in its ranks such staunch men as Emory A. Chase, Clarence E. Bloodgood, Judson A. Betts, Arthur M. Murphy, George W. Holdridge, and others.

The successive commanders of the company have been Col. O. V. Sage, Arthur M. Murphy, William W. Bennett, Lieut. Searles, H. W. Cowlbeck, Albert Saulpaugh, Percy W. Decker, Daniel J. Cassidy.



Company E. Personnel of 1008

The present armory was built in 1884 at a cost of \$40,000, George W. Holdridge doing the work. It has since been greatly improved at an expense of many thousands of dollars. It has a great drill shed, parlors, pool room, officers rooms, mess hall, kitchen, reading room and library, locker rooms rifle range, bowling alleys, and is equipped for active field service in time of need.

The company forms a part of the regular militia, and is drilled annually in state camps by the officers of the regular army.

The company was called out to quell riots at Lime street and in the great railroad strike at Buffalo.

It has also a fine rifle range at Leeds.

The roster of the company is 60 men, who serve without compensation, except that during attendance at state camp, the men get \$10. The armory is under the personal care of Lieutenant

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Charles A. Vrooman, armorer; Sergt. William Hock, assistant; and William E. Daniels, engineer.

It has generally led in target practice and fine general attainment.

The 16th separate company was represented by a full company in the Spanish-American war, Captain William W. Bennett commanding at that time.

The men who formed Company K., Catskill, 203rd regiment, who served in the Spanish-American war were:

Capt., William W. Bennett, Catskill; 1st Lieut., James G. Hanna, Glens Falls; 2nd Lieut., Walter I. Lyman, Watertown; 1st Sergt., Edwin W. Knoll; Quarter Master Sergt., Edward W. Mallory.

Sergeants: William Hock, Michael J. Murphy, Robert W. Bowen, Albert Saulpaugh Jr.

Corporals: John E. Bassett, Fred J. Dwyer, Leroy Palmer, Frank J. Brook, Albertus B. Cumming, John E. Crowley, Paul B. Mattice, Charles Beaucamp, George E. Hewitt.

Musicians: Eugene A. Chilson, Ray Goodfellow.

Artificer: George Osterhoudt; Wagoner: Lyman Huntley.

Privates: Fred Bigelow, Joseph Bigelow, Melvin Baker, James Burns, William R. Burns, Roscoe Barber, Wallace J. Bell, Stephen Beesmer, Edward Coffee, John Cleary, Michael Connolly, Edward Callnan, Bernard Casey, Augustus Cargill, dec'd, Charles H. Carpenter, C. R. Diefendorf, Harry Distin, William E. Dwyer, dec'd, Joseph Ellis, John E. Flynn, James T. Fitzgerald, John B. Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald, John B. Fritzen Jr., William L. Foote, Wesley E. Garrison, dec'd, Albert E. Guthrie, dec'd, Christopher Granger, Dennis E. Hartnett, Robert H. Hathaway, Frank M. Harvey, Charles E. Holbrook, George H. Hood, Frank D. Hughes, William Humphrey, J. O'Brien, George W. Ish, J. H. Judd, Jacob Johnston, Paul Kock, G. W. Long, Fred C. Legg, John W. Losty, H. M. McCarthy, John McCall, Peter Miller, John Maher, Arthur Myers, George Mason, Adam Rutz, Michael Madigan, dec'd, Arthur Palmer, Frank Rowan, Patrick Madigan, James Reardon, John McNary, dec'd, Neil Ross, John Mattice,

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James Sullivan, Geo. A. Morrison, James A. Sonn, dec'd, Thos. Marshall, William Shear, Robert Newman, William Wood, Frank Norton, George C. Wood, Clyde Oringer, Michael T. Welsh, Geo. M. Phillips, Charles E. Wilbur, Thos. J. Phillips, dec'd, John C. Webster, dec'd.

The company comprised 106 men. They went first to Camp Black, July 21, 1898; Camp Meade, Sept. 12, 1898; Camp Conewago, Oct. 1, 1898, where they were isolated on account of fever, and to Greenville, South Carolina, Nov. 1898. They were mustered out March 25, 1899. They had roses at Christmas time, and in February the flaps of their tents froze in zero weather, and stoves were installed in the tents. The men slept in all their clothing and overcoats, and even then they suffered very much from the cold.

Charles A. Vrooman was promoted from 2nd Lieut. of K. to 1st Lieut. Company 3, at Greenville, S. C.

Other Catskill men who saw service in the war were Edgar Johnston, who enlisted in Co. A. Battalion U. S. Engineers, Regular Army, and was stationed at Manila in 1898 and '99.

Edgar K. Williams was with the 71st New York regiment and died in the service, his monument in the Catskill cemetery being the finest in the county.

Paul Whitmarsh was also in the regular army. Also Arthur Freshwater.

Those who served going to Honolulu were in Company M. Kingston. Charles M. Becker corporal, deceased. Leroy Overbaugh, Willis Overbaugh, Van Ness Ploss, Fred Lynes, Harry Hicks, Burton G. Nasholtz, deceased, Fred Brown, Alex King, Lee F. Betts, Harry Lydecker, Lewis Holdridge, Alex Plusch, Clayton Bump deceased, John Hess, John Cook, Harry Fleming, Warren Miller, Oscar Dederick, who later served at Cebu, Fred Keiffer, Abram Brandow, James Barber formerly of Catskill, Albert Thompson, W. J. Potter.

Chauncey Minkler and Oliver Minkler, of the 11th U. S. Vol. were in fights in the Philippines and Chauncey Minkler was

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shot through the arm by a Mauser bullet. Marshall Smith and Harry Smith were at Porto Rico with the regular army. John Bassett, Frank Hannan and Wyckoff Smith were in the Philippines.

Frank Norton was with Co. H. 81st Coast artillery, and so was Tod Shear. Harry Kirchner was at Porto Rico with the 11th U. S.

The men who went to Honolulu were mustered in May 1st. Left Fort Hamilton June 11, in camp at Presidio, Cal. Arrived in Honolulu, Aug 14. Made a trip to the famous volcano. Sailed for home Dec. 8. Arrived in Kingston Dec. 27.

Lieut. James G. Hanna, formerly of the 16th was shot in leg, at Marong, Philippines, Henry Millington was also shot in the leg at Bayan, Philippines, Frank Thorne Co. K. 17th Inf. was in the fight at Jolo, in the Philippines.

J. H. Finley was with H. U. S. Cavalry. Bert Conklin 19th U. S. Inf. served at Cebu

### Charter Members of 16th Separate Company:

Fred W. Werner, Joseph E. Aldrich, Dwight Boughton, W. Myron Allerton, Spencer C. Phillips, Jesse T. Rundell, George R. Olney, Peter Welsh, A. K. Hill, Wm. H. Owens, Frank P. Hicks, Wallace M. Hunter, William P. Cowles, Peter J. Regan, Lucius R. Doty, John W. Shufelt, Egbert Palmer, Charles A. Spencer, Marcus K. Halcott, Frank E. Van Gorden, George D. Boughton, Wheeler Howard, Sylvester B. Sage, Chas. Flanigan, John H. Hulbert, James M. Beach, Herbert Niklewicz, Edwin Ashley, Geo. F. Tolley, Joseph Obert, Minis Plank, Granville R. Person, Frederick Clark, Jacob W. Kelley, William Rider, Frank Lynes, Albert Saulpaugh, Wm. H. Minnick, John Wince, Sidney Austin, C. A. Laun, Philip Smith, Emory A. Chase, James Holdridge, James S. Smith, Eugene Wayne, George H. Brandow, Frank H. Burroughs, Wm. L. Mead, Gottlieb Fromer, James H. Salisbury, Clarence Van Valkenburgh, R. A. Bröwere, Carlton E. Coffin, Clarence Bloodgood, G. Howard Jones, Henry T. Jones, R. L. Rosselle, Wm. H. Adams, Frederick Seldon jr., Donald Brauleigh, Louis E. Deer, J. S. Bamforth, William P. Mc Claury, Louis W. Richardson, William E. Thorpe, Ira Gay.



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Other members shortly after were: Albert Saulpaugh, Herman Behm, W. J. Soper, Harry C. Vedder, Thomas E. Jones, Wm. A. Pennoyer, J. Frank Boughton, Wm. H. Palmer, Wilson Thomas, Thomas Jackson jr., Albert R. Austin, George Fitchett, Charles E. Butler, Wm. H. Brundage, John F. Callahan, John J. Ladeau, Thomas Carney, George Egnor, William L. Gunther, Anthony Von Pieper, George A. Englert, Joseph Bell, Julius Kircher.

The first captain was Col. Omar V. Sage, who was followed by Arthur M. Murphy, Harry M. C. Vedder, William W. Bennett, Albert Saulpaugh, Percy W. Decker, and Daniel Cassidy now at the head of the command. H. W. Cowlbeck and F. R. Searles were in charge for a time, the former taking the company to New York where they participated in the Dewey parade.

Dr. Wm. P. Mc Claury, E. E. Elliott and F. R. Searles served as assistant surgeons.

The lieutenants of the 16th. Arthur Murphy, Emory A. Chase, Irving Osborn, Augustus R. Hill, R. L. Rosselle, Bornt W. Stryker, Robert J. Beach.

The present officers of the company are:

Capt.—Daniel J. Cassidy.

1st Lieutenant—Lucius H. Doty.

2d Lieutenant—William Heath.

Sergeants—Wm. J. Scott, M. J. Carl, David E. Cole.

Quarter Master Sergeant—Wm. E. Daniels.

Corporals—Percy H. Doty, W. W. Comfort, J. R. Cole.

Roster of Men—Privates—J. C. Brooks, H. W. Becker, Wm. E. Clark, Norman Cole, Wm. Delanoy jr., P. G. Doty, D. M. Downes, Louis C. Fiester, Omar Frayer, R. H. Freer, W. H. Graf, R. P. Hallenbeck, E. E. Hallenbeck, John Heath, H. E. Knapp, F. E. Knapp, M. H. McGovern, Raymond R. O'Brien, A. W. Phillips, Antoine Peterson, E. B. Robb, Ernest Saxe, A. A. Scott, A. P. Shield, H. R. Sigwarth, W. J. Shufelt, Ivan Slater, Clarence Smith, Wm. Teetsell, Alger Van Hoesen, O. I. Webber.

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Charles A. Vrooman has been armorer for many years assisted by William F. Hock, who was sergeant of the company. William E. Daniels has been clerk.

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### J. W. WATSON POST 514 G. A. R.

John W. Watson Post No. 514, Department of New York G. A. R. was organized Sept. 23, 1884, at Number 5 engine house, Catskill, with a charter membership of 20, and Joseph F. Joesbury Commander. He died during his second term of office, January, 28, 1886, and George W. Holdridge completed his term. John B. L. Oakley was commander for 3 years 1887-89, W. R. Vedder 1890, Charles A. Vrooman 1891-2, W. R. Vedder 1893, Theodore B. Beach 1894-5, William H. Adams 1897-8, Benjamin W. Grant 1899, to 1910. He was succeeded by J. Hubbard Wilcox the present head of the organization.

Shortly after organization Odd Fellow's hall was rented and is still used by the post as headquarters.

Of the charter members Wm H. Adams and George W. Holdridge are living.

The present officers of the Post are:

John H. Wilcox—Post Commander.

William C. Tice—S. V. Commander.

Solomon J. Mott—J. V. Commander.

A. S. Castle—Adjutant.

Henry G. Myers—Quartermaster.

James B. Rouse—Surgeon.

William H. Hull—Chaplain.

William Caniff—Officer of Day.

George W. Holdridge—Patriotic Instructor.

William J. Reed—Officer of Guard.

Benjamin W. Grant—Quarter Master Sergeant.

Wm. H. Adams—Sergeant Major.

Trustees John N. King, David D. Ostrander, William Caniff.

Relief Committee—William W. Hull, John N. King, Wm. H. Adams.

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The muster roll shows the following members:

Wm. H. Adams, James Akeley, John H. Brandow, Chas. C. Beauchamp, Wm. P. Bell, Theo. B. Beach, Nelson R. Benton, Geo. A. Bogardus, Andrew D. Berry, Geo. H. Coons, A. Sidney Castle, William Caniff, Marion Couchman, Fred O. Friar, Benj. W. Grant, Calvin Goodwin, Geo. W. Holdridge, Joseph Hert, Wm. W. Hull, Albert Hansen, John N. King, Albert H. Kelsey, Wm. H. Lee, Joseph H. Lounsbury, Solomon J. Mott, Henry G. Myers, Edmond R. Martin, John Mc Cormack, Maj. Geo. S. Nichols, Peter Overbaugh, David W. Ostrander, James B. Rouse, Mortimer Rockefeller, Nicholas Russell, Nathaniel F. Roe, Albert E. Rider, Aaron V. S. Rouse, Peter H. Scribner, Geo. D. Spoor, Wm. S. Swart, Robert Snyder, James Stevens, Richard Sisco, Wm. C. Tice, A. Sidney Thomas, Charles Trowbridge, Wm. H. Teal, John W. Van Leuven, Chas. Vroman, Chas. Vedder, John John H. Wilcox, Geo. W. Winans, Wm. R. Weddel, John Young, Charles Wildey, Wm. Brandow, Aaron C. Betts, H. C. Becker, Enoch Walters.

Those who have been mustered out by death are:

Isaac Benton, Samuel Brandow, Geo. N. Brandow, Alfred R. Cole, Jacob Carl, Jeremian Connolly, Martin B. Cross, J. H. Carpenter, Harvey Delamater, Henry Darling, Lucas Decker, Chauncy Dickerson, Cornelius Du Bois, Geo. W. Edwards, M. A. J. Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Stephen Ennist, Joseph Embree, Edgar Elmendorf, Wm. H. Fuller, Columbus Frey, Michael Foley, Aug. Goeller, James Gardner, Jas. Hallenbeck, Albert Hadden, Wellington Howell, Asa Holmes, John M. Hannon, John Hood, Alexander Halicouse, Geo. Halicouse, Simon Hock, John Jones, Joseph Josebury, J. A. Kellerhouse, Wm. H. Losee, Wm. Laverty, John Long, James Lake, Geo. S. Ludington, Andrew Overbaugh, J. Malcolm, James B. Mitchell, Chester S. Morgan, David C. Mower, A. E. Miltimore, Harmon Melius, Patrick Madigan, Geo. Meeker, Chas. P. Myers, Geo. Markel, Wm. P. McLaury, J. H. McChesney, J. B. Oakley, Egbert Post, David S. Preston Wm. A. Pennoyer, Geo. Powell, Walter Parsells, Wm. J. Reed, Robert A. Scott, James W. Sonn, John Spahn, James H. Stewart, George

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Saxe, John C. Shear, Wm. Selleck, J. C. Shiller, Abram Spoor, J. Frank Story, Chas. L. Santer, Wm. Sharples, John Sherlock, Frank Swartwout, James Henry Snow, John Secord, John Snyder, J. K. Thompson, Chas. Thornton, Wm. Van Steenburgh, Isaac Van Loan, M. S. Van Loan, Wm. H. Whitcomb, John N. Wilson, W. L. Woodruff, Luther S. Wright, Jonathan B. Webster, Stephen Webster, Alexander Young, Jacob L. Yates, Geo. Sears.

There are now buried in the different cemeteries in Catskill of the Revolutionary, the Civil, and the Spanish-American wars, 250 soldiers. At the entrance of the Catskill Cemetery there is a soldiers' monument and on this plot are buried 26 veterans.

There were also connected with the Post a Woman's Relief Corps and an encampment of Sons of Veterans, but these organizations have disbanded.

Watson Post is in good financial condition and has been the means of bringing assistance to many veterans and their needy families.

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## HOLLISTER POST, COXSACKIE

Hollister Post No. 27, G. A. R. was organized and its first set of officers installed by Lew Benedict Post of Albany.

At the organization of this Post there were 70 members. Now there are only 16 survivors, and Col. Van Wie has been commander continuously for 26 years.

The present officers are:

Commander—John B. Van Wie; senior vice commander—David Hoffman; junior vice commander—George Jones; chaplain—Isaac Nebhenburgh; surgeon—Jacob Wentworth; quartermaster—Chas. E. Van Valkenburgh; officer of the day—Joel B. Cole; officer of the guard—John S. Hiseerd; adjutant—Newton J. Calkins; delegate to State encampment—Warren P. Smith; alternate—John S. Hiseerd.

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### A. N. BALDWIN POST 263, HUNTER

A. N. Baldwin Post 263, Hunter, N. Y. was organized in 1882, by Major J. H. Everett of Pratt Post, Kingston. At one time there were about 60 members, but at the present time there are only about a dozen members. J. H. Wilcox who is inspecting officer found a bare organization on the occasion of his recent visit.

The Army Post at Cairo passed out of existence a number of years ago.

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## School Directors, Trustees and Teachers of County

### First District, Greene County

Directors—Hon. Clarence E. Bloodgood, Catskill, Chairman; Claude Witing, Athens; David T. Jerome, Andrew P. Freese, Cairo; Thomas C. Perry, dist. supt., Catskill; Dr. E. H. Van Denburgh, Arthur Powell, Coxsackie; Dr. J. B. Rouse, Leeds.

Trustees of the town of Athens—Daniel W. Saunders, Orin Q. Flint, John J. O'Grady, Rueben B. Quick, O. D. Van Valkenburgh, Athens; Edward Gonnerman, Catskill; Ira B. Kerr, Catskill.

Teachers—Charles D. Coutant, prin., Elizabeth Slattery, Isabella Rainey, Marion Lewis, Ruth Harris, Ella Gallup, C. Louise Miller, Fanny Leworthy, Mrs. Helena Wood, M. Blanche Wood, Emily Horn, Margaret Van Woert, Athens; Esther Rowe, Leeds; F. Lena McCarthy, Mrs. Elsie Mauterstock, Catskill.

Trustees of the town of Cairo—George W. Squires, A. H. Rocker, Cairo, Guy Meddaugh, Acra, W. Benjamin Roe, Freehold, Jos. Morison, South Durham, J. W. Fiero, Round Top, Amos Rose, Clarence Arnold, Purling, John Rouse, Charles Bassett, South Cairo, Isaac Powell, Leeds.

Teachers—Edward Richmond, Hope L. Farnham, Mary Halloran, Grace Timmerman, S. Edna Story, Melville Bulmer,

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Cairo, Willard C. Van Dyck, Ethel Chadderdon, Acra, Orloff Story, Josephine O'Hara, Freehold, Jane Miller, Round Top, Theodore Whitcomb, Purling, Mrs. Elizabeth Jump, Mrs. Alma Clay, Judge R. Haner, Leeds.

Trustees of the town of Catskill—Dr. F. C. Clarke, pres., James Sterritt, Percy Holmes, F. D. Overbagh, Edgar Saxe, S. C. Sutton, Charles Story, Luther Saxe, T. J. William, Ciarence Martin, Catskill, B. David Guth, Alsen, John Hinman, Palenville, W. R. Vedder, Leeds, Scharken Stewart, South Cairo, Mrs. S. A. Craft, Cementon.

Teachers—E. C. Hocmer, supt., M. Alice Saxe, Mrs. Anna Molloy, Mrs. Harriet Pflegl, M. Geneva Garling, Mrs. Hattie Maher, Carrie Bogardus, Mrs. Lottie Holmes, Beulah Timmerman, Catskill, Herbert DeLong, Nellie Lawrence, Annabel Rose, Frances Timmerman, Palenville, Arthur Lewis, Julia Vedder, Pauline Davis, South Cairo, Edward Keeley, Saugerties, M. Agnes Ellinger, Mary O'Brien, Helen Buckman, Alsen.

Trustees of the town of Coxsackie—L. A. Warren, A. A. Collier, B. G. Townsend, Wm. Youmans, Elmer Van Valkenburg, Coxsackie, Wm. R. Palmer, Charles Lampman, William Townley, Urlton, Charles Martin, Climax.

Teachers—Henry R. Soper, principal, M. Sophia Fuller, Ella Morgan, Annie Craigie, Mae D. Link, Anna Spoor, Edith Van Denburgh, Eliza Green, Jennie Whitbeck, Amy Smith, Charlotte Olmsted, Laura Bailey, Grace Van Schaack, Marian Mackey, Harriet Conklin, Coxsackie, Ethel Robbins, Bessie Lezatte, Urlton, Reginald Van Woert, Louis Lounsbury, Athens, Matie Jones, W. Coxsackie, Grace Cheeseman, Mabel Youmans, Coxsackie, Mary O'Brien, Climax.

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### Second District, Greene County

Teachers—West Coxsackie—Mabel Vosburgh.

New Baltimore Station—Sarah Robbins, Marion Van Hoensen, Grace Looney, Ada Powell.

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Ravena—Maomi Vroman.

New Baltimore—Edna Hotaling, Harry Ostrander, Alida Mulder, Alice Sidlake.

West Coxsackie—Evelyn Austin.

Urlton—Gertrude Tryon.

Windham—Alda Miller, Florence Marquit, Clarence Powell, Ada Smalling, Beatrice Steele, Harriet McLean, Christine Wood, Kittie Doolittle, Blanche Miller.

Hensonville—Edith O'Conner, Abner Woodworth.

Norton Hill—Ivan Gifford.

Freehold--Mrs. Minnie Beers, Hazel Highney, \*Idson Gibson, Katherine Beichman.

Greenville --Annie Coonley, C. L. Cook, Julia Rider, Mrs. A. D. Townsend, Charlotte Story, Julia Hallenbeck, Eva Hoose, Mrs. Edith Abrasis, Hattie Green, Clara Minkley.

Surprise—Jessie E. Boyd.

Gayhead—Robert Webber, Edith Losee.

Cornwallville—Florence Beach, Mrs. Anna Smith, Edna Brainerd.

Durham—Maude Stryker, W. D. Hull.

East Durham—Frank Paddock.

Cooksburg—Mrs. Effie Bates.

Oak Hill—Ermon Stewart.

Sunside—Clara Paddock.

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Third District, Greene County.

Directors Stewart Tuttle, Haines Falls; C. B. Bronson, Ashland.

Trustees of the town of Ashland --Sternes Clark, John C. Campbell, Ashland, Lambert Cooke, Windham, Dwight Tuttle, Ashland, Lewis Case, Prattsville.

Teachers—Raymond Moseman, John Hayes, Kathryn I. Lynch, Etta Payne, Ashland, Warguerite Van Orden, Winham, Ida France, Prattsville.

Trustees of the town of Halcott—John Ballard, Travis Faulkner, W. K. Crosby, Leo J. Deamer, Halcott Center.

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Teachers—Sadie Rose, Martha Whitney, Deborah Morse, Nathaniel Bleekman, Halcott Center.

Directors of the town of Hunter—E. V. Ballo, Hunter; E. Darius Lindsley, Platte Clove.

Trustees—F. B. Kerr, James Jackson, F. B. Wilcox, Arthur Higgins, Hunter, Harvey Lane, Lanesville, David Showers, J. Frank Lackey, Tannersville, Michael Shield, Elka Park, Uriah Haines, A. Holdridge, Haines Falls, Elmer Kerr, Edgewood, G. W. Byrnes.

Teachers—Elizabeth Fountain, John Kay, H. Margery Felter, Minnie Hunting, Louise Webster, Marion Orr, M. Emily Hayden, Hunter, Mrs. A. Crosby, Lanesville, C. L. Bailey, Anna V. Dempsey, Frances A. Formans, Josephine Swift, Mrs. Jessie Showers, Annie Glennon, Tannersville, Herbert Dimond, Elka Park, Stewart Tuttle, Mary Dowd, Mrs. Anna Tuttle, Haines Falls, Mrs. M. E. Lester, Edgewood, E. Delmar Smith, Platte Clove.

Trustees of the town of Jewett—Martin Garvey, Tannersville, E. A. Sweet, E. C. Miles, Frank Carr, Hunter, William Mead Jewett, R. L. Towner, Andrew Sweet, Jewett, George Barnum, Frank Woodworth, East Jewett.

Teachers—Raymond Cronk, Orpha Kelley, A. L. Coons, Edith Sweet, East Jewett, Helen Witte, Josephine Park, Rensselaer Reynolds, Hunter, Nina Lee, Emory Dunham, Wilhelmina Olmsted, Jewett.

School directors of the town of Lexington—Daniel Kirk, Westkill; Ransom Hogaboom, Lexington.

Trustees—Arnold Van Valkenburgh, Spruceton, Harrison Ostrander, E. E. Sharpe, Romaine Van Valkenburgh, Westkill, Frank Beggs, Manley Howard, Arthur Jenkins, Lexington, H. Du Souchet, Bushnellsville, W. Charles Maben, Leland Tompkins, G. D. Rappleyea, Prattsville, George Ennist, Allaben.

Teachers—Mrs. Edith Orlando, Leon Peters, Otis Hender-shot, Westkill, J. M. Osman, Lulu Patterson, Mary Merchant, E. D. Lewis, Lexington, Pearl Cole, Bushnellsville, Iva Rappleyea,



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Mrs. H. K. Huggans, Prattsville, Kathleen Kelly, Allaben.

Directors of the town of Prattsville—James Mc Williams, Perry Newcomb, Prattsville.

Trustees—Andrew Carman, George Peckham, B. G. Morss, J. H. Brandow, John Jenkins, S. R. Cammer, Prattsville.

Teachers—Mrs. E. C. Hummell, Myrtle Myers, Mrs. Grace Huggans, Mrs. Flora Howard, Kittie Layman, Helen Johnson, Mary MucCoubrey, Prattsville.

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### FRANK C. CLARKE

Dr. Frank C. Clark, of Catskill, is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, a direct descendant of Colonel Randall Spencer, whose granddaughter was Dr. Clarke's paternal grandmother. Colonel Spencer was born at West Greenwich, Rhode Island, but, when a young man, removed with his family to Berlin, Rensselaer county, where he resided until his death. He fought with distinction with the American forces throughout the Revolution and was esteemed for his devotion to the cause of patriotism. Dr. Clarke who has been engaged in the drug business in Catskill for many years, is president of the Board of Education, Catskill.



An Early Ashland Saw Mill.



The Beautiful Cemetery at Halcott Center.

## Ashland



H. Clay Ferris

It was not until 1848 that the boundaries were set for the town of Ashland and portions of Prattsville and Windham were taken to form the few thousand acres that comprises the town. The principal village or hamlet is Ashland and the section is devoted chiefly to dairying, some summer boarders being taken. The earliest settlers to whom reference is made by the old residents comprise the Stimpsons, Martins, Prouts, Ponds, Ferrises, Lees, Tuttle, Disbrows, Dodges, Hitchcocks, Brandows, Smiths, Suttons, Boughtons, and while in years later many of their representatives

have drifted towards the eastern centers of population adjoining the river many of the time honored names are conspicuous. People of Ashland have always been remarkable for longevity, and the spirit of religion has always predominated in this section.

In 1799 was built at Old Windham, now Ashland the Presbyterian church which is doubtless the oldest church on the mountains. The first pastor was Henry Stimson who preached for six months, alternating with an appointment at Jewett Heights. The church at Ashland has always been regarded as one of the strong organizations of the county. The society was incorporated in 1801. The record of pastors is incomplete. The present pastor is Samuel Warrender.

The Episcopal church at Pleasant Valley appears to have been organized in the same year, 1799, the articles being filed in Ulster County. The church building was erected in 1814. The first pastor however was the Rev. Philander Case, and the number of men who have served the church has been remarkably small.

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Rev. Joseph Berry from 1803 to 1817, the Revs. Samuel Fuller and James Tompkins served from that period to 1831, the Rev. O. F. Holcomb to 1843, Rev. Thomas Judd to 1863. The present pastor is R. R. McDonald Bleeker.

The early industry was the getting of hemlock bark for the many tanneries that flourished along the Batavia kill. Gideon Brainard established a woolen mill, and a man named Bidwell had a carding and fulling works. There was a grist mill at North Settlement and a number of saw mills. Lyman Morse and Jarius Strong conducted tanneries. Cider mills also flourished.

The first public tavern as they were known was built by Medad Hunt at Batavia, John Tuttle, Jacob Benham, and Jehiel Tuttle also had taverns of the early period. There are many of these old time taverns all in disuse the past 30 years scattered along the roads that reached from the rural sections to Catskill. And these accommodated the drovers and freight wagons that found their way to the river markets.

The town of Ashland has been on a steady decline in population since 1850, when it had 1290 inhabitants. In 1865 there were 1080, in 1875, 935, in 1880, 899, in 1900, 647, and since that time the population has lost about 40 persons. The entire county has shown a decrease of 4 per cent in population in the past ten years, and a loss from 1850 of about 3000. The population in 1850 was 33,126. It is now just under 30,000.

The men who have served Ashland as supervisors are:

John Ives, Daniel B. Strong, Joshua Draper, Sylvester B. Hitchcock, William S. Boughton, Lyman Robinson, Isaac Van Schaack, Wm. Myers, Austin Smith, Peter Stanley, Nathaniel O. Ormsbee, Albert Tuttle, Jonas Smith, Albert Steel, Egbert B. Dodge, 1868, Edgar Smith, Joseph Saxe, Archibald Tompkins, Hiram B. Clark, Wilbur F. Lee, now of Catskill, Giles Sutton, Darius B. Prout, Clinton D. Ferris 1885, '88, Wilbur F. Lee 86-87, Daniel W. Hyatt 89-90, Thomas W. Jeralds 91-92, Giles Sutton 93, Frank Finch 94-95, Samuel A. Barlow 96-97-98, Herbert R.

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Steele 99-1900, Levi Tompkins 01-02-03, Homer Tompkins 04-07, Francis L. Dodge 08-11, H. Clay Ferris 1912-15.

A remarkable giant willow tree standing on the Prout farm is the production of a willow whip which was stuck into the ground in 1798. In 1913 a ton of cement was used in filling a cavity that had decayed into the tree.

The Methodist church at Ashland was organized in 1841 and meetings were held in the school house. A church was erected in 1843. A. S. Lakin was the first pastor. The Rev H. L. Seaman is the present pastor, and he also supplies the pulpit of the church at North Settlement.

The Catholic church which building is fast falling into decay has not been used for religious services in the past 20 years.

One of the old landmarks that was formerly the Old Ashland House is owned by Christian and Lee and is used as a farm house.

Many years ago one of the first seminaries in this section was located at Ashland in 1853, but was burned in 1861.

There has been no big fires during the past 30 years.

Among the industries of the town the principal one is the big creamery of the Sheffield-Slauson-Decker Co. and practically all of the milk in the town is taken to this creamery.

Another industry is the saw mill and grist mill of D. D. Tompkins.

The business of the town is taken care of by F. L. Dodge, store and postoffice.

A. B. Munson, hardware store, hotel. No license.

S. L. Lee, general store. John Jordon, blacksmith.

There is a mail route from Ashland to Hunter. Free Rural route from Prattsville to Ashland. D. D. Tompkins carries the mail and Vernon Chatfield the free rural.

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There are three cemeteries in the town, Pleasant Valley Sutton Hollow, and West Settlement.

The oldest house in Ashland is that of Darius B. Prout.

The farm occupied by Supervisor H. Clay Ferris has been occupied by five generations of Ferrises, and the first house was of logs, and constructed by the great grandfather of Mr. Ferris, and who was one of the pioneers of the town.

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### Athens



Frank Nichols

Reaching Athens from Catskill over the state road the first place that comes into prominence is a large brick structure that was built by General Haight in 1812, and which is known as the Gantley House, being the property of Daniel W. Gantley, another war veteran, who came up from New York and spent most of his life at Athens, passing to the other side in 1881 at the age of 94 years. The marble steps, the old brass knocker on the front door, and the entire interior are exactly as Mr. Haight constructed them. The interior of the mansion has the exquisite charm of the

most elaborate architecture and furnishings of the Colonial period. The place is owned by Thomas Van Loan, and occupied by Eugene Van Loan and family, and it was the courtesy of Mrs. Van Loan which gave the writer access to the building, and a description of it. The beauty of the interior is heightened by the display of 105 paintings, the work of the world's great artists. The first parlor has its old time red velvet carpet, and the rear parlor or gallery floor a beautiful mosaic of inlaid work of highly polished wood of

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different colors. The winding stair case at the end of the great hall is most impressive. The brick were brought from Holland.



The General Haight House.

Mrs. Haight was Jane Van Loan, one of the well known family, so closely interwoven with all the history of Athens. For the Van Loans, the Nichols, Spoors, Hallenbecks, Van Woerts, have the honor place among the early comers to the county.

Early as 1800 Athens village was simply a farm, owned by the Van Loons. The old stone house, of which we present a view was the first structure in 1726, and it is at the upper end of the town, and was in modest proportions to the Gantley house. The present occupants are Nelson Hotaling and Lester Kisselburgh.

John Van Loan paid \$3000 for the farm that is now the village of Athens. A burying ground being reserved from the land,

Condrai Flack was buried in Episcopal ground May 4, 1789 at the age of 76 years. He operated a ferry across to Hudson.

Teunis Van Vechten, Johannes Brandow and Joachim Jansen owned Lot one, of what was the town of Athens.

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Van Vechtens deed was dated October 15, 1757, and the lot extended from the Hudson River nearly to the Potic creek. The Van Vechtens appear to have gone south as far as the Catskill creek, where the Van Vechten house now stands.

In 1780 there were about 20 families settled in the entire town. The Hallenbecks and Van Loons predominated and remain today. Also Cloughs, Brandows and Van Bergens.

The town Esperanza was projected before Athens village, and a part of this land was Dooper Island upon which the steamer Swallow was wrecked in April, 1845, 40 lives being lost. We present a picture of the wreck from an old print. Benjamin Haviland built the first house in Esperanza. John G. Voogd started the brick industry, followed by Wm. P. Alcott. Joseph Colson had a hotel in Esperanza and Samuel Hamilton was a magistrate in 1811. He died in 1851.



The Old Brick Row, Athens.

In 1801 John Spoor made a map of a portion of Athens which is in existence at Washington. Joseph Seeley built the first hotel in Athens and his son, Castle Seeley, was postmaster of Athens for 20 years.



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In 1802, and for 12 years, Russell Leffingwell carried on a distillery near the ship yard, and he also erected a dwelling about the time that the Haight house was erected.

The first supervisor of the town' was Isaac Northrup in 1815, then came Henry Wells, William Tolley, Sylvester Nichols, Castle Seeley, Eli Pierce, John Clough, Benjamin Haviland, Casper Van Loan, Wm. Morton, Henry Van Loan, Alonzo Green, Isaac Whitbeck, Geo. S. Nichols, 1851, Isaac Whitbeck, David Whitein, John I. Hallenbeck, Isaac VanSchaack, Prentiss Hallenbeck, Wm. K. Reeves, Dr. John H. Wheeler, Joseph Robbins, Enos Edwards, John Beardsley, John Pennington, Henry Straban 1871-73, Harmon Van Woert 73-83, Clark Porter, William T. Nichols, Thomas H. Briggs, Harmon VanWoert, Jere Brooks, W. C. Brady, H. I. Van Loan, John K. Van Woert, W. C. Brady, Elmore Mackey now Sheriff, and Frank Nichols.

The village officials are Frank S. Howland president Claude Whiting, Mark Brennan, James Lynch and Frank Beardsley trustees. Henry R. VanWoert clerk, W. C. Brady treasurer, Nelson Clow collector. Assessors, the board of trustees.

The first clerk of the village of Athens was Henry Wells.

So far as the church organizations are concerned the first church was the Lutheran and that was organized in 1704 and was one of the few between New York and Albany, and the Rev. Justice Faulkner was the preacher. The particular spot being known as Loonenburgh, after the Van Loons undoubtedly. The church of the Palentines at West Camp was in this circuit.

Albert, Matthias and Jan Van Loon in 1721 gave deed to the church lands. The first church was erected in 1724. This building was square and had four roofs shaped to a V and with a spire steeple. This building gave place to the present structure. The Rev. Jacob S. Paul is the present pastor.

The Trinity Episcopal church was organized in 1806, at Loonenburgh, and the building was erected in 1813. The Rev. Mr. Prentice was rector and General Samuel Haight was the

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principal contributor, \$275 being for pew rent. Dominie Prentice was killed in 1837 when a stage tipped over at Cocksackie. From 1833 to 1835 the Rev. John Griggs was rector. Rev. Howard Whitney is now rector.

The Methodist church was organized about 1820. The Rev. W. A. Greenleaf is the present pastor.

The Dutch Reformed Church was organized in 1826. The Rev. David Abeele was the first pastor and he went out as the first missionary to China. Other pastors were the Rev. C. Von Kleef, Joseph Wilson, Jefferson Wynkoop, Edwin Holmes, Joseph Wilson, Wm. A. Cornwell, J. R. Tallmadge, Rev. Mr. Betts, W. D. Buckalew, C. Spaulding, Allen D. Campbell, Herman Vanderwoert. The Rev. H. G. Hergie is the present pastor.

The Baptist church was organized in 1832, and its full list of ministers has not been preserved. The present pastor is the Rev. Walter C. Bishop.

The Roman Catholic church was organized in 1871. Rev. Father Gillin, present pastor.

The old burying ground on the Northrup place contains the mortal remains of Jan VanLoon, Matthias Van Loon and many of the early settlers.

The Athens Rural Cemetery is a part of that lot, and was incorporated in 1847.

Mt. Hope Cemetery is also a part of the same lot on the Esperanza purchase. More of the Van Loons are buried here, and it is announced on one of the stones that Albertus Van Loon departed this life with a cancer.

The Clark family, honored residents, trace back to Samuel Clark 1615, William Clark 1712, Reuben Clark 1743, Nathan Clark 1787. He started a pottery at Athens in 1808. His partner Ethan Fox founded the Baptist Church at Athens. Edward Clark

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was born in 1814, and he became a part owner of the Singer Sewing machine company, the copartnership being I. N. Singer & Co. and to Mr. Clark goes the credit for organizing the Singer Sewing Machine Company with a capital of \$500,000. Nathan Clark died in 1891.

The brick industry of Athens is conducted by three prosperous firms. William W. Rider whose plant has a capacity of 100,000 brick per day, and who has had the plant since 1875,

N. Gladfelter has a plant of 50,000 capacity.

Joseph Moyonne has a patent dryer with a capacity of 50,000.

Wm. C. Brady and his father before him, an undertaking firm of long standing, have conducted the interment of more than 3000 persons mostly in these cemeteries, and W. C. Brady has buried more than the entire present population of Athens. He has a complete alphabetical record with dates and ages which is most remarkable.

Morton Steamer Company, of Athens, has the following officers: President, Charles Hitchcock; vice president, Charles B. Miller; formen, Ray Weeks; 1st ass't, Alex. Fyfe; 2nd ass't, Leonard Ford; secretary and trustee, Theodore Gritman; treasurer, James Holmes.

The Ice industry is one of the most important. The big houses are: American Ice Company, Willis A. Winne, Hudson River Ice Company, J. Brooks Co. Theo. Evory Ice Company, E. E. Briggs, F. R. Howland and Son, Dwyer Brothers and Rafferty, Arrow Ice Company, and Avery & Eichhorn.

The Athens Textile Company employs a large number of persons.

The H. F. Dernell Company manufactures ice tools, and Mr. Dernell invented the ice plow.

Travis Brothers operate a foundry.

C. F. & M. G. Webber also have a foundry.

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Howland and Son, Marine railway.

Richard Lanahan, ship yard and marine railway.

Henry I. Van Loan, wholesale fruits.

T. A. Briggs and Son, barrel\_mfrs, and garage.

John Self, motor builder.

Wm. C. Brady, undertaker.

M. Harvey, newspaper.

Estate W. H. Stewart, hotel, Abram Post.

Alvin Brooks, Norman Cooper, and Frank S. Howland are grocers.

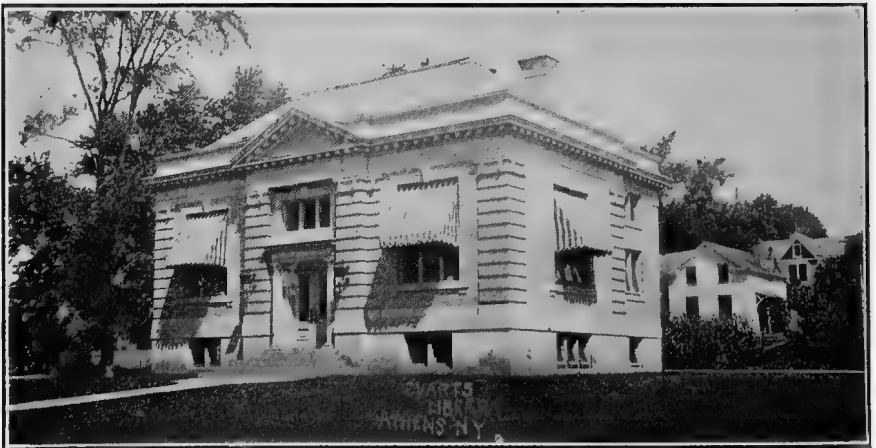
Henry Du Bois, Henry Edwards, druggists.

F. W. Leek, dry goods.

Thomas Low, hotel.

Gifford & Porter, law. Orin Q. Flint, law.

E. C. Van Deusen, physician.



Evert's Memorial Library, Athens.

One of the splendid buildings that attracts attention in Athens is the Evarts Library, of which we present a very good engraving. This building costing, a large sum of money, is complete in every way and endowed to the extent that it costs the

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village not a penny in any way. It was the splendid gift of Daniel Evarts and wife of Norwich, Ct., both of whom are deceased, and were formerly residents of Athens. The fund is in bonds that produce every three years a surplus of about \$500, and this amount is further invested by treasurer Wm. C. Brady as it comes in. The building was constructed by Reilly & Acker, of Utica. The Librarian is Mrs. Mary B. VanLoan, and the trustees are Frank Nichols, Emory E. Briggs, W. C. Brady treas., Henry R. Van Woert, clerk.

Previous to 1862 the crossing of the river at Athens had been by means of primitive ferries the first of which were operated by large scows, and up to 1862 the locomotion for the ferries was obtained by means of a horse power similar to that used on threshing machines. The J. T. Waterman was built by W. A. Fletcher and the engine of that date is still in use on the J. T. Power which was built in 1872 and is the oldest ferry boat on the river. The Power in 1914 carried 2862 automobiles across the river. Frank Beardsley is captain, Martin Cooke, engineer, Herman Lanfare, pilot.

One of the big fires was that of 1874 in which the White Elephant property was destroyed.

Another big fire in 1870 wiped out a block of frame buildings which may be seen in the cut presented elsewhere.

Still another large fire occurred in 1913.

The Osborn House which was one of the old time hotels was destroyed in the fire of 1878, and the Brooks opera house building was erected on the site of that hotel.

Among the prominent residents who have passed since 1883:

Wentworth Allen, ship builder 1884,

Abram Bedell, 1890.

Col. John Beardsley graduate of the West Point Military academy, a veteran of the Mexican and Seminole war, Col. 9th

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Cavelry in the Civil war. He was one of the West Shore Railroad Commissioners who appraised the lands during the construction of the road. He laid out Fort Worth. Died in 1906, aged 89 years.

George C. Brady, father of Wm. C. Brady. Died 1880, aged 89 years.

Capt. John Benjamin Briggs, oldest river pilot, and was on the old Vibbard. Died 1903, aged 78 years.

Thomas Brasier, 1905.

Caleb Coffin, glue manufacturer, president village, died 1885, aged 60 years.

Nathan Clark in pottery business, and early settler, part owner Singer Sewing machine business. Died 1891, aged 72 years. Two Nathan Clarks are still honored residents of Athens.

Capt. Ira Cooper, died 1903, aged 80 years. He was a brick manufacturer and operated a fleet of sloops around 1820.

Enos R. Edwards, ship builder with his brother, and also supervisor and postmaster. Died 1898, aged 76 years.

Theodore Ivory, built half the ice houses in Athens. Died 1908, aged 62 years.

Augustus Goeller, justice and police justice 30 years. Died 1914, aged 73 years.

Charles W. Howland, firm Howland and Son, hardware, groceries, lumber etc. Died 1905, aged 70 years.

Woodbridge Little King, a prominent farmer, died 1905, aged 93 years.

Richard G. Low brick manufacturer, old line Democrat, died 1896, aged 85 years.

Peter Magee, ship builder, sheriff for 3 years, died 1899, aged 61 years.

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Wm. Mackey, father of Sheriff Mackey, died 1903, aged 80 years.

Samuel H. Nichols, justice of peace, village clerk, assessor, member of assembly, member of Governor's commission to condemn W. S. Lands. Died 1911, aged 89 years.

Prosper Peloubet, pres. Mt. Hope Cemetery Assn., President of trustees, and Old Line Democrat, died 1884, aged 76 years.

Joel W. Porter, brickmaker, died 1889, aged 61 years.

Wm. S. Rainey, died 1876, aged 75 years.

Robert Titus, pres. of village, brick manufacturer, died 1901, aged 73 years.

Lewis Wolf, builder, pres. of village, trustee, director of Evening Line Steamers, also Hudson River Ice Co, died 1904, aged 75 years.

The Athens Casualty List of 1914:

Charles Smith engineer Storm King crushed to death April 13th.

Martin McDonald, strangled in coal bin, August 14th.

Charles Destadio, a brick kiln caved in on him Aug. 19th.

W. Ray Hallenbeck, shot to death by Worthy Tolley, Sept. 15th.

Louisa Kroll, killed in auto accident Oct. 13th. and her husband died under operation Aug. 13th.

In 1814 it was discovered that the middle ground between Athens and Hudson was very inconvenient to river travel and an act was passed by the legislature granting to Athens and Hudson the right to establish a lottery for the purpose of raising \$10,000 which was to be used in removing the middle. The middle ground is still there.

Mrs. M. E. Harvey conducts the Athens News,

## Cairo



Floyd F. Jones

The town of Cairo was formed in 1803, portions of Catskill, Coxsackie and Freehold being taken, and it was called Canton up to 1808 when the name was changed to Cairo. The town contains over 36,000 acres of land and a considerable portion was held under the Salisbury, Van Bergen and Barker patents, the Barker patent being over 6000 acres of land. This extended from Woodstock to Durham, and Mr. Barker figured very largely in the early history of the town. He lived to be 93 years of age and his descendants the Taylors, Dedericks, Whites, Olmstead, Salisburys, as well as the Barkers are to be found

throughout Greene county today. The Barker burial ground was located in a meadow on the McWilliam's farm north of Cairo.

James Barker, who is great, great grandfather of Mrs. Ira T. Tolley, matron of the almshouse, was given a grant of land under Governor Andros in 1680 of 6000 acres of land which now forms a large part of Cairo. There were other patents and subdivisions of land but James Barker was the only one to settle on the grant. James Barker was a member of the English bar, and came to this country previous to the Revolution. He settled first at Catskill and later on went to Cairo. Abram and Francis Salisbury had lands to the east of the Barker patent. James Barker was a patroon, and a slave owner, and it was he who defended one of the Salisburys, who was accused of the murder of one of his slaves, and he secured an acquittal. Barker died at the age of 93 years. There were 23 families that came to this country with Mr. Barker. Their names we are unable to state.



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The old graveyards may have some of them in the following list:

Samuel Earle died 1858, aged 100 years.

Benjamin Upham died 1799.

John Balis died 1789.

David Brewster, born 1758, aged 83.

Hannah Brewster, his wife, aged 96.

Catherine Earle, born 1764, aged 92.

John Pine, born 1773.

In 1823 there was made up a list of the slaves in the town. There were 11 of them, all minors.

The Strobe family, who lived in the first log house, were murdered by Indians. Early industry comprised chiefly getting out hemlock bark for the tanneries.

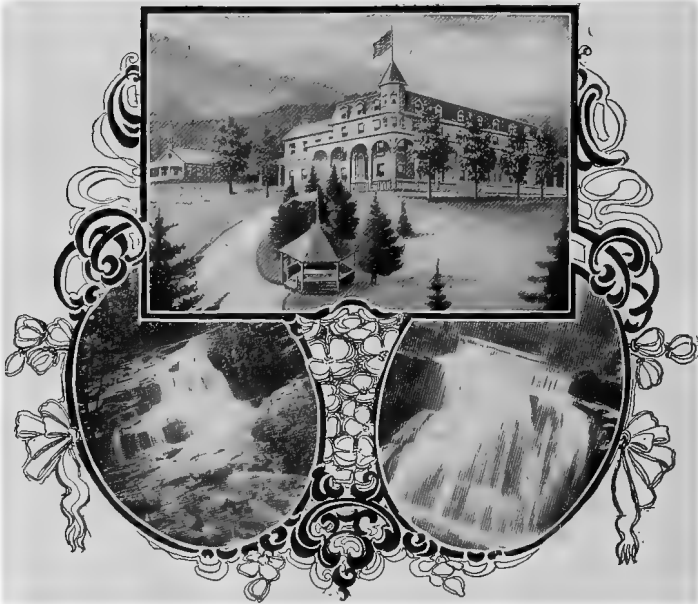
One of the most conspicuous of Cairo men was Judge Daniel Sayre, who was born at Southampton in 1765. He owned 1000 acres on the Shinglekill and organized a church at Acra in 1804. He was a member of the Assembly in 1804 and in 1806 judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Greene county. Four of his children were burned to death in a fire that destroyed his home in 1808.

One of the honored families of Cairo is the Schermerhorn. Frederick in 1780 was captured by the Indians after the massacre of other members of the family (Stropes) and carried into captivity, was sold to the English and was forced to enlist. He served with 50 whites and 100 Indians and finally managed to escape, returning to Cairo. He lived for a time on the Barringer place at Kiskatom and erected a log house near Round Top. He died in 1846, aged 76. His son went into the cattle business and then into mercantile lines at Cairo.

In 1832, Col. Ira Day and John Palen had tanneries that turned out 18,000 sides of leather annually. The Forge, Woodstock and Acra were the points of these industries. The grist mill, wood turning of mountain souvenirs and saw mill are about all that remain. Hon. Lyman Tremaine was the owner at one time of the mill at Woodstock.

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The Columbian, H. K. Lyon, prop., Cairo, and Falls in Vicinity.

Men living in Cairo today still cherish the memory of the Hon. Augustus Hill, who was born in 1810 and died in 1899, an old line Democrat and a member of the legislature in 1871. His grandfather, Obadiah Hill, witnessed the execution of Major Andre, the British spy, who had plans of the fortifications at West Point, given him by Benedict Arnold.

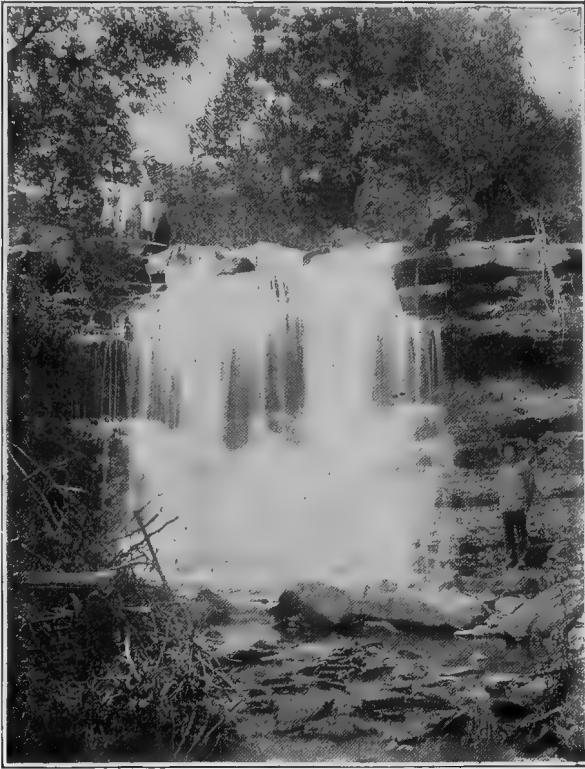
Cairo has no regular fire company although it has an organized effort of citizens that has as its head W. Burr Hall as chief, and Gaston Wynkoop and Druggist R. A. Austin are assistants. Fire protection is from water works and a hand engine of the old times, and good work is accomplished.

The school system is excellent, and at the head is Edward E. Richmond, principal, Hope L. Fordham, preceptress, Mary D. Halloran, pre-academic, Mary C. Timmerman, 4th and 5th grades,

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and S. Edna Story, primary. Geo. W. Squires, Andrew P. Freese and N. M. Howard are trustees and R. A. Austin, treasurer.



Little Falls, South Cairo.

The Cairo Electric Light company gets its power from the large dam at Woodstock, which furnishes power for Catskill, Tan-nersville, Palenville, Haines Falls and other places.

The Greene County Agricultural Society which has been the great county fair of generations was organized in 1819, and John Bagley of Durham was its first president. Daniel Sayre of Cats-kill was one of the first exhibitors of premium grade cattle. Th

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first premium award was \$149. The organization received from the state \$200. The organization has been uniformly prosperous and has a splendid plant accommodating about 10,000 persons, and the annual fair is still a red letter event, with the horse trot a feature always.

There is but one landmark of the period of 1867 left in the Cairo business world and that is O. Post who has been conducting a harness shop since that time and for 43 years in the building where he now is. The business of Cairo at that time comprised Ed. and Jason Stevens, general stores, Tremaine and Weeks, store, George Person, hotel, now Walter Brothers, Benjamin Waldron, hotel, David Grannis and Elijah Wells, wagon shops, Harlow Hine, painter, Henry Steele, shoemaker, Charles Nailor, blacksmith, Henry Hotchkiss, undertaker, Dr. King, physician, Dr. Noble, physician. One Hotelling ran a stage line of four horse coaches from Catskill to Cairo and there were two lines from Cairo west, one to Windham and the other to Gilboa. Later on these lines were operated by Churchill.

The Hon. Luke Roe was supervisor of Cairo 5 years, 1858-70 and 1866-67. Also Loan Commissioner of County.

Dr. Levi King was famed the county over for his medical skill. He had 9 children, and practiced in Cairo for 52 years. He celebrated his golden wedding in 1876. His father served in the Revolution. Dr. King was born in 1799 and was 78 years of age.

Francis G. Walters, whose death occurred last fall, was 82 years of age, and was for many years with his brother Ambrose Walters, owner of the hotel that bears their name. He was sheriff of Greene county and also member of assembly.

Samuel Earle built a log house in Cairo in 1793. He lived to be 100 years of age and owner of 900 acres.

Other of the old timers were John Howell, Harvey D. Peck, Orman Burhans and John Rouse. Born in the 1700's and rounding out the century.

The father of Thurlow Weed, later of Catskill, is said to have been one of the early settlers.



GREENE COUNTY ALMS HOUSE, CAIRO, N. Y.

Building erected in 1883, Supervisors Committee: Harmon Van Woert, Athens, Albert Parker, Cossackie, Samuel S. Mulford, Hunter. Architect: John Halcott, Catskill. Contractors: Mull & Fromer, Catskill. Present Superintendent, Ira T. Tolley, Matron, Mrs. Ira T. Tolley.

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The Greene county alms house is located at Cairo. It is in line with the other splendid buildings that stand as a credit to the county. The situation is not only charming, but everything that could lend a charm to the place and make it attractive for those whose last days are to be spent as the wards of the county, has been done by the men who have represented the county in the board of supervisors, and the very capable man who for the past seven years has had the management of the place. The beautiful grounds and entire premises are swept and garnished as for parade, and throughout the house everything is as snug and inviting as the best home to be found in the county. From the reports that are filed every year by the several committees, local, county, and state, there isn't an institution of the sort that makes a better show. Mr. Ira T. Tolley and his estimable wife, who is matron of the institution, deserve lasting praise for their care and painstaking effort. The house usually has from 74 to 90 inmates, who are well housed, well fed, contented, and happy. Our view of the building shows the splendid shape it is in. And it is most remarkable that the care of these people, and of the dairy of 12 cattle and the tilling of 196 acres, should be taken care of by 4 persons outside of Mr. and Mrs. Tolley. One farmer, and one assistant, one cook and a woman to assist Mrs. Tolley, do it all. The annual report shows that the farm produce goes a long ways toward paying for the upkeep of it all. The house has electric lights, fire protection, fine water, sanitary plumbing, and commodious and well kept outbuildings, and the evidence of great care is everywhere. Mr. Tolley was elected in 1906 and took the office in 1907. He was re-elected in 1909 by about 600 and in 1912 by over 1200. Mrs. Tolley, in addition to the cares of the place, is very active in church work. She is organist for the Presbyterian church, and a worker in the Sunday School, as well as the King's Daughters. Mr. Tolley is also a member of the Presbyterian church and a contributor to every worthy object. Before he was chosen superintendent of the county house he was for 25 years in charge of the business of the Catskill Mountain railroad at Cairo, and for 12 years a justice of the town. Religious services are held at the county house every two weeks by the Rev. Mr.

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Edgeton, rector of the Episcopal Church. It may be interesting to note that James Barker, who was great great grandfather of Mrs. Tolley, held the original grant of land, some 6000 acres, extending from Cairo to Durham.



The Great Shinglekill Falls at Purling.

There were several factories started at the forge, and at that place is standing at the present time a very old mill of which we have not the date. Several of these mills have been destroyed by fire. Frank S. Decker of Catskill formerly owned one of these mills. Capt. Byington had a wooden clock factory for making the Grandfather clocks. There was a factory that made spinning wheels and looms, a nail factory, and Lucius Byington had a saw mill that has been operated by many generations of Byingtons. It was built in 1808. Anson Wright had a furniture factory, Egbert Paddock made grain cradles, and Egglestone, Porter and Ackley made buckets, of which they made 5000 per year. Paul Raeder for 20 years had a scythe factory and a grist mill.

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The first Methodist organization was at Sandy Plains, in the house of Henry Weeks. The church at Cairo was organized in Cairo in 1814, and these two churches were supplied by circuit riders who also preached at Leeds. Benjamin Hine deeded the lot on which the Cairo church was built in 1819, and this building, now occupied by the Schermerhorns as a feed store, is in good repair. The organizers of the church were Edward E. Stevens and Sally, his wife. The early records were lost. The present church has as its pastor the Rev. H. D. Chace, who also preaches at Round Top.

The Sandy Plains church was erected 1837, and since rebuilt.

The Presbyterian church was organized by the Rev. Beriah Hotchkin in 1799, and had three members. The Rev. Richard Williams was the first pastor. The records were three times destroyed by fire. The Rev. A. P. Freese was for many years pastor of the church. The Rev. Mr. Steelman was the last pastor in 1914, but resigned.

Calvary Episcopal Church was organized in 1832. The Rev. Ephriam Punderson was the first Rector, and for several years the membership was 8 persons. The Hon. Henry Meiggs and George Wicks were among the contributors in the 70's to wipe out the last of the church debt. The present rector is Octavius Edgelow.

Kadema Lodge 693, F. and A. M. was organized 1859, with William Freese as master. Has about 100 members, and has just finished new lodge building known as Masonic Hall.

Knights of Pythias meets in Masonic Hall. Claude J. Goff is chancellor commander. It has about 60 members.

Odd Fellows. Meet at Wicke's Hall.

Maccabees Lodge, reorganizing.

Eastern Star. Mrs. Charles M. Smith, matron. About 70 members.

George W. Squires conducts the Cairo Herald.



## Catskill



J. Henry Deane

The town of Catskill was constituted in 1792, and was a part of the county of Ulster, according to an act of 1798. Upon the formation of Greene county in 1800, it was taken from Ulster with portions of Woodstock, and all that part of Catskill that lay west of the Mountain line was attached to Windham. Further territory was taken from Athens in 1815. Hezekiah Van Orden was the first supervisor and William Van Orden, Jr., clerk, in 1789. There were about 80 persons who were on the rate list, of what was called, Great Imbocght. They included the Abeels, Van Ordens, Persons, Dumond, Overbaugh, Burger, Sax, Trombour, Musier, Fiero, Dederick, Mower, Acker, Fox, Richtmyer, O'Brien, Hallembake, Brant, Sax, Britt, Strobe, Duwit, Moore, Spaan, Woolf, Schram, Hill and others, antecedent of the present families.

Many of these people were also slave owners.

Reference to the schools, churches and taverns are found elsewhere in this record. Also reference to many of the early industries and persons.

Catskill Village had 5 dwellings in 1787, but in 1792 it had increased to such importance that a newspaper was established by Mackey Crosswell, called the Catskill Packet, a facsimile of which, through the courtesy of the Catskill Recorder, we have reproduced. The growth was very rapid, and the village was soon the most important along the Hudson River, and around the year 1800 there were 2000 inhabitants, and it was announced that Catskill was to become the third, if not the second city in the

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state. In 1803 there were 12 wharves and a great trade had sprung up, which comprised freighting to New York and the shipping of goods to the interior of the state.

Catskill village was incorporated in 1806, and Stephen Day was the first president. The trustees were Garret Abeel, James Pinkney, John Blanchard, Caleb Benton, Hiland Hill, Stephen Root, Isaac Nichols; Orrin Day and John Du Bois were assessors; Isaac Du Bois was treasurer, and James Benton, collector.

A seal was adopted which resembled a potato bug with an x for a head.

Corporation bills for money were adopted in 1815.

Catskill was on the direct line to Ithaca, Delhi, and Binghamton. The building of the Schoharie and Susquehanna turnpike which started from Catskill and extended to Wattle's Ferry on the Susquehanna river was one of the greatest events next to the building of the New York Central railroad and the Erie Canal, and for a great many years Catskill was the outlet of trade from the interior of the state. At the head of the turnpike project were Stephen Day, Pres., Martin Schuneman, Benjamin Van Orden, George Hale and others. This road had a capital stock of \$12,000 and it was operated until 1856 when the line was operated only as far as Durham.

Many other turnpikes were built and operated, of which the Albany and Greene, Schoharie, Athens, Little Delaware, Blue Mountain, Cauterkill, Bristol now Malden, had turnpike roads, and the Canton Bridge company had a toll bridge a toll bridge at Canton, 1805, near F. C. Plusch's. These turnpikes brought into existence many stage lines. Terrence Donnelly operated the first of these, under an act of the legislature, 1803. One of these lines was from Catskill to Unadilla, another to Ithaca, and all this help to make Catskill the most important place on the Hudson.

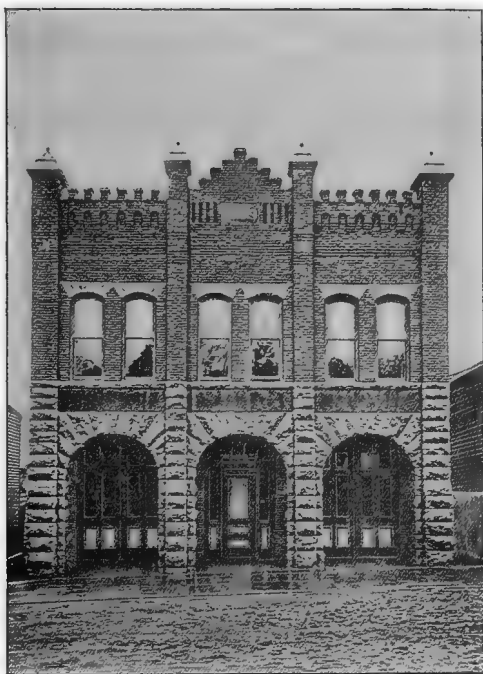
The Catskill Agricultural and Horticultural Association was formed in 1865. Addison P. Jones, Isaac Pruyn, John H. Bagley, J. B. Hall, John T. Mann, Theodore Cole, Jacob Meech

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and Edgar Russell were the directors. The fair grounds were on the John B. Foote farm, in Jefferson. The grounds are now an orchard. The last fair was in 1873.

Catskill has four fine and well kept cemeteries: The village cemetery on Thompson and Spring streets, Catskill Rural, St. Patrick's and Jefferson cemetery.



Village Building.

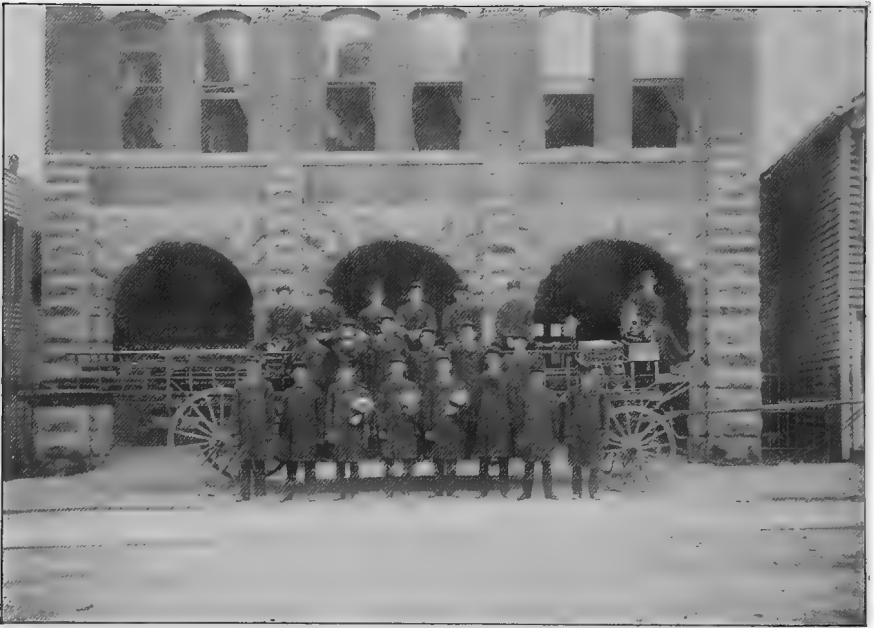
The present members of the Board of Trustees of the Catskill village are: Clarence Travis, Pres., Willis A. Haines, Philip Walsh, Henry R. Hinman, Oscar A. Freer. Clerk, Louis B. Decker; Collector, L. R. Magee; Assessor, William Joesbury; Corporation Counsel, Louis B. Malcolm.

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The first organization of a fire department was in 1806 when a hand engine was in use, and all owners of property were compelled to have at least two buckets for fire purposes.

In 1825 Engine Company No. 2 and Engine Company No. 3 were organized. Two new engines were purchased in 1853. Seven cisterns were built in 1836, and these were filled up a few years since. Ever Ready Company was organized in 1854, and



Wilson Fire Company, Old Home Week Parade.

F. N. Wilson Company the same year. Protection Engine Company, now Number One Hose and formerly Wiley Hose, was organized in 1855. F. J. Silsby Company, now Osborn Hose, was organized in 1871. Citizens Hose Company was organized in 1869. Citizens Hose Company and the Number 1 Hose Company own two of the finest parade carriages in the state. Citizens Hose Company was first to appear with a dazzling white dress uniform,



No. 1 Hose Company's Auto Truck.

which has been widely copied. In fact the several companies of Catskill have a uniform that leads all other fire companies. Each company occupies a splendid house, and own much of their equipment. Number 1 Hose has an auto fire truck, which is of great service in getting the apparatus quickly to a fire.

The Wilson Fire Company, Geo. Webster, forman, has in their possession one of the hand engines first used in this section. They got it in 1900 from Stephen Vining of Windham, and it was built in 1783, and is known as the Yankee. We show a picture of this curious little fire fighter, and it will be seen that it is still ready for business.

Not least of the fire companies is the Bomptje Hook Company Number 50, with a truck and hose house at the Point. John Fitzsimmons is president of this organization and the annual banquet is always an occasion of note.

The chief engineer of the fire department is Henry Place.

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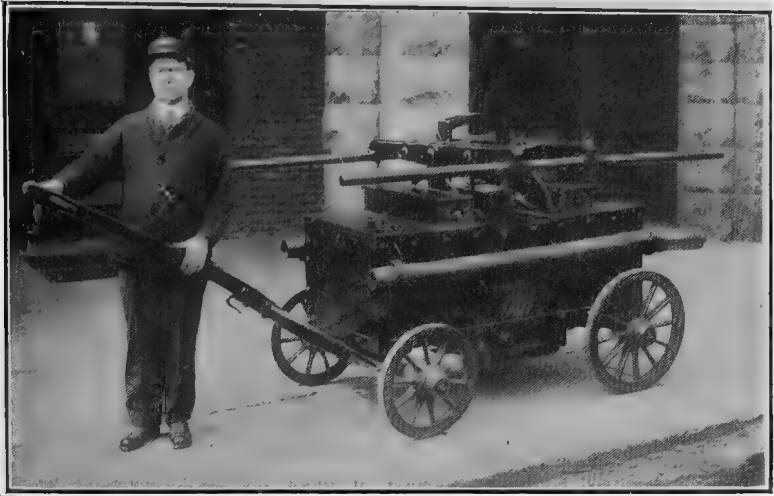
Building of No. 1 Hose Company.

There is also a hose house on Broome street and a small house on Depot street equipped with cart and apparatus. In fire fighting Catskill leads the volunteer companies of the state.

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The telegraph fire alarm system of boxes was installed in the 80's and the alarm is a bull whistle at the electric light station.



Foreman Webster and the Old Hand Engine.

The Catskill water works were commenced in December, 1883 and finished in April, 1884, a pumping system, which with the mains and hydrants cost about \$160,000. There are over 13 miles of mains, and about 130 hydrants. The water pressure is 80 pounds, and affords a fire protection that is unsurpassed. The plant has a good revenue and the outstanding bonds amount to only \$37,000. They are due in 1916.

The members of the Catskill water board are: M. Edward Silberstein, Eugene Wayne, P. Gardner Coffin, E. A. Bennett and and J. Clark Salisbury. In 1914 the board installed a hydrochlorite system for the purification of the water, which has since tested 100 per cent pure.

The superintendent is Egbert Beardsley, who succeeded William Comfort about ten years ago. Mrs. Beardsley is book-keeper; William Shufelt, chief engineer; John E. Norton, night engineer; Patrick Dwyer, night fireman.

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Catskill village has two fountains supplied with water from the spring on the H. L. Boughton lot, very excellent water for drinking purposes.

The police system of Catskill has Roscoe Miller D. Miller as justice, Ira B. Gay as chief of police, Joseph Reilly patrolman, and in addition special officers are appointed for special service and important occasions.

At the head of Main street is located Pruyn Park, the very generous gift of Bank President James P. Philip, and this has been very well equipped and is well patronized in the summer. The village fathers also arranged a miniature park at the head of William street. The children of the schools are equipped with an out door gymnasium, the gift of J. P. Philip.

Catskill has a number of Insurance Companies. These are the Co-Operative, the Commercial Mutual, the Hon. O. V. Sage being president, and Hon. C. E. Bloodgood, secretary. The Catskill Mutual has William J. Hughes, as president, and Geo. Harding, secretary. These companies do a large business.

The Mercantile Co-Operative has William W. Bennett at the head.

The Catskill Savings and Loan Association was organized in 1889 as a building and loan association. It has an investment of \$174,282. At the head of the corporation is Percival Goldin, pres.; Josiah C. Tallmadge, vice-pres.; Thomas E. Jones, sec'y; P. Gardner Coffin, treasurer, and William W. Bennett, attorney.

Among the Social Organizations of Catskill which have not already been mentioned are:

The Rip Van Winkle Club, Catskill, was organized in 1886, the Hon. James B. Olney being president. The club has flourished ever since and now owns a fine property on lower Main street. Willet C. Hunter is present.

Hendrick Hudson Lodge, I. O. of O. F. was organized in



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1846. The present officers are: N. G., Frank Packer; V. G., Isaac R. Fitchett; Fin. Sec'y, J. G. Miller; Rec. Sec'y, Robert E. Brant; Treas., Clarence Travis.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows,  
Improved Order of Red Men,  
Knights of Pythias,  
Knights of Columbus,  
Protected Home Circle,  
Royal Arcanum,  
Ancient Order of United Workmen,  
Modern Workmen of America,  
Deutscher Unterstuetzungs Verein,  
Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,  
Catskill Gun Club,  
Catskill Fish and Game Club.

The prominent business houses and dealers are:

Bottling Works—Bove & Coglianesi.

Bakers—V. DeLaMorte, William Klepser, William Deitz, Waldorf.

Banks—Catskill Sayings, Tanners National, Catskill National.

Barber Shops—F. A. Kline, William E. Brooks, Dominic Disantis, Con. Hammer, August Franz, Amin Smith, Alex Yannoni.

Blacksmiths—Willis A. Haines & Son, John Person, Theo. M. Smith, D. Delong, Harry Gehbauer.

Books and Stationery—L. R. Magee, Van Gorden & Co.

Brick Mfrs.—Tidewater Paving Co., Washburn & Co., Percival Goldin & Son.

Butchers—C. C. Bloom, Chas. Ernest, Wm. Conine, Geo. Drumgold.

Candies—Catskill Candy Co., A. Cunningham.

Catskill Building & Loan Assn.

Cider and Vinegar—Amos Post, Signor & Nicoll.

Cigar Manufacturers—Frank Knolls, G. Knoll, W. R. Maguire, P. A. Obert, C. Schaller, Con. Hammer.

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Carriage Repository—Willis Haines & Son.

Catskill Glass Works.

Cement—Alpha Company, Alsen Co., and Sterling Corporation.

Clothiers—Abram Joseph, J. L. Goldberg, F. A. Stahl, Butler's.

Coal Dealers—Wm. J. Hughes, Wm. H. Henderson, Chas. E. Place, O. V. Sage, Raymond Smith.

Dentists—W. A. Conklin, G. A. Englert, E. A. Bennett.

Electrical Contractor—Fred B. Horne.

Electrical Supplies—Electric Light Co.

Facing Mill—Bell's.

Fish and Motorcycles—Field & Field.

Flour and Feed—A. Raynor, Salisbury & Austin.

Foundry—Catskill Foundry & Machine Works.

Florist—Henry Schmidt, Geo. Person, Henry Hansen.

Furniture and Undertaking—William Kortz, Deane & Deane.

Druggists—F. C. Clarke, L. B. Decker, E. M. Sedgwick, William L. Du Bois.

Garage—Amos Post, Peerless, Vermilyea Brothers, Catskill Automobile Co., Easton Beahr.

General Stores—The H. L. Boughton, L. R. & W. A. Doty, E. C. Church, Philip Richman, A. Richman, Fred Conklin, Geo. C. Church.

Groceries—Britt Brothers, Fred Woolhizer, William Davis, Howard C. Smith, Charles Ernest, Schubert Brothers, Hallenbeck Brothers, Frederick Palmatier, P. V. R. Timmerman, Clarence Travis, Geo. Swartwout, B. Coglianese, J. Battagalino, Matthew Shield, Etta Webber, Claude Garling, Waggoner Brothers, James Reardon, Lewis Van Loan.

Hardware—Day & Holt Co., Catskill Hardware Co., Frank Martin, Beardsley & Son.

Horses—Horton Brothers.

Hair Dressing—E. Mink.

Harness—William Earle, J. M. Rouse.

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Hotels—Central, Columbia, Commercial, Exchange, Hotel Dicarlo, Golden Stairs, Lynes Hotel, Germania, Rudolph, Hoy's, Loud's, Smith House, Saulpaugh, West Catskill, West Shore, Temperance Hotel, Irving Cafe.

Ice Cream—Pruyn Brandow, J. Valente, Arthur P. Fox, D. Mamaris.

Ice and Hay—Willis Haines, Ray Smith.

Junk and Second Hand Goods—C. W. Ray.

Jewelers—J. A. Hill, Prentiss Hallenbeck.

Knit Goods—Union Mills Company.

Laundry—Catskill Hygiene.

Liverymen—Bogardus & Son.

Lumber—Catskill Supply, Crawford & Smith.

Notions—Harry Smith, Wright's, Florence Joesbury.

Marble Dealer—C. A. Noble.

Masons and Builders—Geo. W. Holdridge.

Music Store—H. N. Warden.

Optician—Hiram Wilcox.

Photographs—Clark's Kodak Store, Paul R. Morrison, C. E. Van Gorden.

Physicians—Geo. L. Branch, Frederick Goodrich, Wm. M. Rapp, L. B. Honeyford, Charles E. Williard, Robert Selden, Geo. Warren, Dr. DeSilva.

Plumbers—Adams & Spencer, J. F. Barnard, Day & Holt, Harry Boyne, Henry Hinman, H. T. Jones & Sons.

Printing—Daily Mail, Catskill Examiner, Catskill Enterprise, Catskill Recorder.

Restaurants—Exchange, New York, Smith's.

Real Estate—O. T. Heath, J. L. Patrie, Geo. Harding

Shoe Parlor—Harper Brothers.

Shoe Manufacturers—Louis Di Caprio, Camile Yannoni, Tony Peppi.

Shoes—Ahreet & Cussler, John J. Henderson, F.P. Smith, Welsh Est.

Sporting Goods—Michael Cimorelli.

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Transportation—Catskill & N. Y. Steamboat Co., Catskill Ferry, Catskill and Albany Line, Saugerties and Hudson Line, Catskill Mtn. Ry., West Shore Ry., N. Y. C. & H. R. Ry., Catskill Street Ry.

Tailoring S. Fontanella, I. Schmuckler.

Tea and Coffee—Union Pacific Tea Co., Atlantic & Pacific Co.

Telegraph—Postal Cable, Western Union.

Telephone—New York, Catskill Mountain.

Theatres—Irving Theatre, Nelida Theatre.

Union Mills Company.

Veterinarian—Dr. Parker.

Well Digger—Amos Post.

Wholesale Grocers—Salisbury & Austin.

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## Hudson Fulton Celebration

The greatest celebration ever held in Greene county was the Hudson-Fulton, Sept. 25 to October 9, 1909. The crowd was variously estimated at from 10,000 to 12,000. The expense was borne in part by the state and the balance between \$3000 and \$4000 by Catskill. The flotilla was met about two miles from Catskill, and escorted to the landing while the war vessels fired salutes, and the military bands and parade bands filled the air with their music. The fire alarm and all steam whistles were also tooted. This naval demonstration started in New York City, and wound up by visiting Newburgh, Pokeepsie, Kingston, Catskill, Hudson, Albany and Troy. Some of the great war vessels and some of the world's greatest floats failed to reach Catskill on account of the depth of water being too shallow.

### Program for the Day:

10:00 A. M.—Committee met and escorted the flotilla to Catskill.

10:00 A. M.—Erection of flag pole and raising of flag at Greene County Home for Aged Women. Address by the Hon. Wm. P. Fiero.

11:00 A. M.—Arrival off Catskill of the Half Moon, Clermont, naval squadron, merchant marine, excursion boats and

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pleasure craft. Reception of the Half Moon by Athabasca Tribe of Red Men in canoes, bearing gifts of corn, etc.

9:30 to 11 A. M.—Concert by bands.

11:00 A. M.—Reception of all naval visitors.

12:00 noon—Address by Hon. Charles E. Hughes, Governor of the State of New York.

2:00 P. M.—Grand Parade.

3:30 P. M.—Special excursion to Catskill Mts. under the auspices of the Holland Society.

4:00 P. M.—Baseball, Catskill against Coxsackie, for championship of the Hudson Valley. Catskill 7, Coxsackie 4.

4:00 to 5:00 P. M.—Band concerts.

4:30 P. M.—Reception to Governor Hughes.

8:00 P. M.—Pyrotechnical display.

9:00 P. M.—Military subscription ball at the Armory, under the auspices of Company E.

### The Parade

First Division—Visiting Marine and Sailors.

Second Division—Company K, N. G. N. Y., Pokeepsie, Company M, N. G. N. Y., Kingston, Company E, N. G. N. Y., Catskill, Morris Guards of Atlantic City, N. J.

Third Division—Geo. H. Scott Hook & Ladder Company, Coxsackie, D. M. Hamilton Steamer Company, Coxsackie, Coxsackie Hose Company No. 3, D. W. Morgan Hose Company, Coxsackie Osborn Hose Company, Catskill.

Fourth Division—Hunter Hose Company, Jacob Fromer Hose Company, Tannersville, Junior Hose Company, Tannersville, Citizens Hook & Ladder Company, Tannersville, Hose Company No. 1, Catskill.

Fifth Division—Cornell Hook & Ladder Company, New Baltimore, Laflin Hose Company, Saugerties, Windham Fire Company, F. N. Wilson Fire Company, Catskill.

Sixth Division—Rescue Hook & Ladder Company, Athens, Morton Steamer Company, Athens, Makawomuc Engine Company, Athens, Citizens Hose Company, Catskill.

Seventh Division—G. A. R., Athabasca Tribe of Red Men, Carriages, Business Men's floats.



The Prize Winner, Old Home Week Parade.

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Next to the great Hudson-Fulton celebration, the greatest celebration ever held in Greene county was that of Old Home Week, Oct. 4 to 7, 1908 in Catskill. The ball was set rolling on Sunday with services in the several churches and St. Patrick's church had a parade in memory of the Rev. William P. Finneran, unveiling his monument. Attorney William E. Thorpe made the address at the cemetery, several thousand persons being present. The church parade was half a mile long.

The Rev. C. G. Hazard, the Rev. R. E. Bell, the Rev. E. P. Miller, the Rev. Mr. Rockwell, the Rev. Clark Wright the Rev. W. H. S. Demarest, were among the Sunday speakers.

Monday was devoted to a business men's parade.

There were in line:

Ashland Band,

Greene County Society,

Watson Post, G.A.R., W. B. Grant, com.,

Hudson City Band,

Athabasca Tribe of Red Men, with float,

Catskill Council K. of Columbus, with floats,

Knights of Maccabees, with floats,

Protected Home Circle, with float,

Pruyn Drum Corps,

Holy Name Society,

Floats of all the leading business houses.

Tuesday was devoted to School Parade and Carnival.

Catskill Schools pupils dressed in white carrying flags and banners, St. Patrick's school with two floats, children carrying large flag.

Wednesday—Military Day.

10th Regt. Band, Albany,

3d Battalion 10th Regt.,

Company E, Catskill, Capt. Saulpaugh, com.,

Company F, Hudson,

Company K, Pokeepsie,

Hudson Band,

Jacob Fromer Hose Co., Tannersville,

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Hunter Hose Company,  
Pruyn Drum Corps,  
Hose Company 1 of Catskill,  
Veteran Firemen,  
Athens Band,  
Morton Steamer Co., Athens,  
Saugerties Band,  
Osborn Hose Co., Catskill,  
Co. F. Drum Corps, Hudson,  
Mackawomuck Engine Co., Athens,  
F. N. Wilson Fire Co., Catskill,  
Rogers Drum Corps, Hudson,  
Rescue Hook and Ladder Co., Athens,  
Cornell Hook and Ladder Co., New Baltimore,  
Gartland's Band of Albany,  
Citizens Hose Co., Catskill.

At the armory, 2000 people listened to addresses by Pres. Charles A. Elliott, Ira B. Kerr, Wm. E. Thorpe, and others. The Trojan Quartette entertained.

Exercises at the Nelida theatre comprised addresses by Hon. William P. Fiero, Mr. Colvin and others. The list of home comers ran into the hundreds. All were handsomely entertained by relatives or the committee.



Laying Brick Pavement, West Bridge Street.

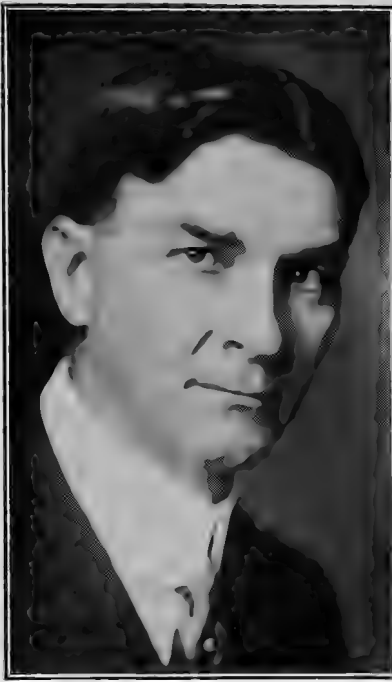




Pavilion of William Welker at Kiskatom.



Boarding House of Frank Lasher at Kiskatom.



Herman C. Cowen, Catskill,  
Supervisor elect.



William B. Donahue, Catskill,  
County Clerk elect.



John C. Welsh, Catskill,  
Town Clerk elect.



Geo. W. Swartwout, Catskill,  
Town Clerk elect.

## **Addenda**

The elections for November, 1915, resulted in the election of George H. Chase, Assemblyman, over John Sanford, Charles A. Post for Sheriff, over Frank D. Overbagh, both of Catskill, and of William B. Donahue for County Clerk, over Geo. B. Van Valkenburgh, both of Catskill. The Board of Supervisors was carried by the Republicans by 9 to 5.

Ashland—H. Clay Ferris, R.

Athens Harold R. Evory, R.

Cairo—Floyd F. Jones, R.

Catskill—Herman C. Cowen, R.

Coxsackie—Albert W. Pierce, D.

Durham—William C. Latta, D.

Greenville—Lewis Hoose, D.

Halcott—Eli C. Morse, R.

Hunter—Elmer E. Pelham, R.

Jewett—George E. Lockwood, R.

Lexington—George D. Rappleyea, R.

New Baltimore—Dale S. Baldwin, D.

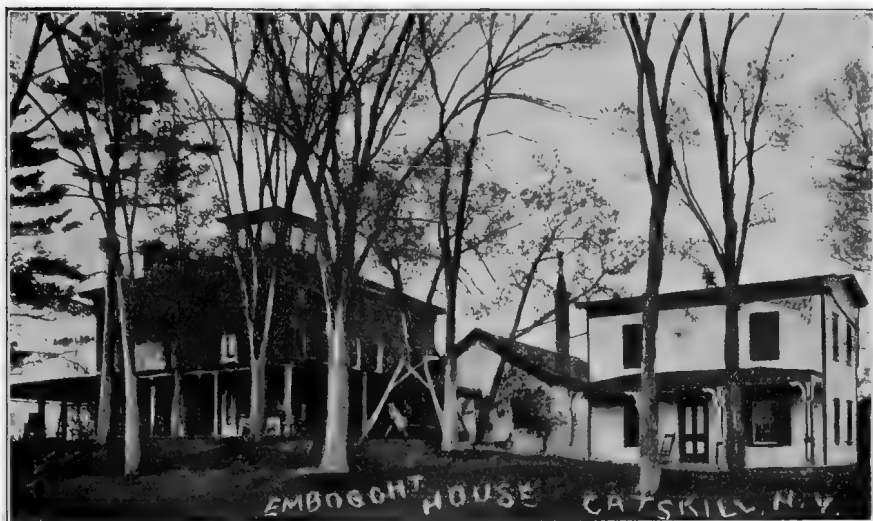
Prattsville—Elmer Krieger, R.

Windham—William J. Soper.

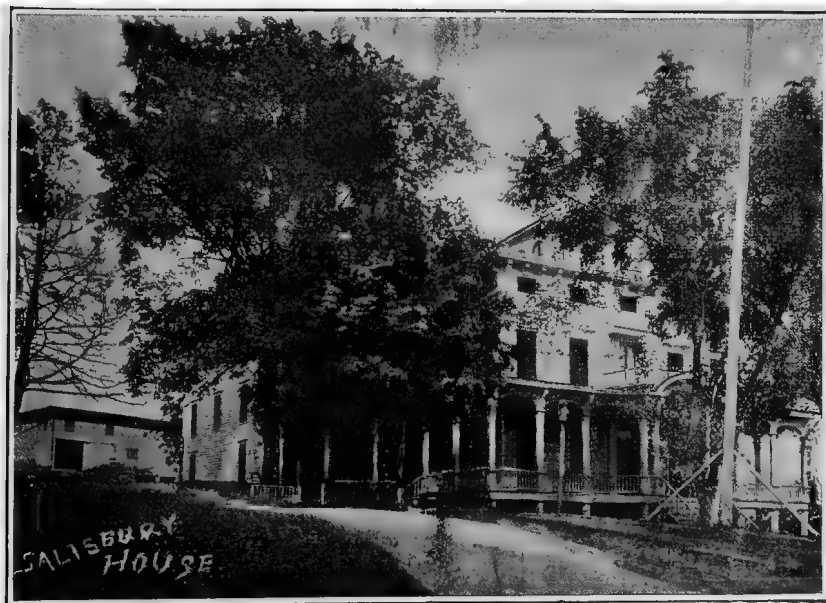


Boarding House at Green Lake, and a party of guests from house sporting in the lake.

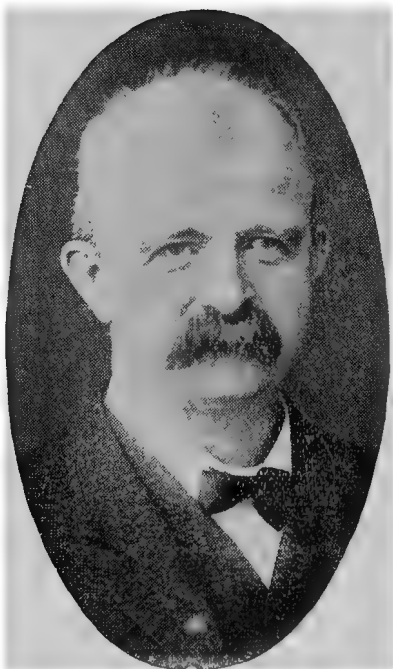




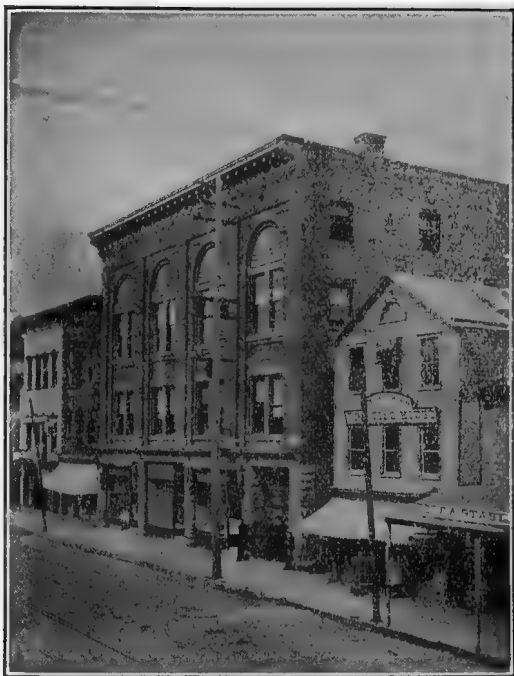
Near burial place of John Jacob Overbaugh, whose grave, the first in Catskill section, is the first marked stone on the Linzey Patent.



Salisbury House, Catskill, a popular resort.



John McGee, deceased  
Former Town Clerk.



Catskill Y. M. C. A.

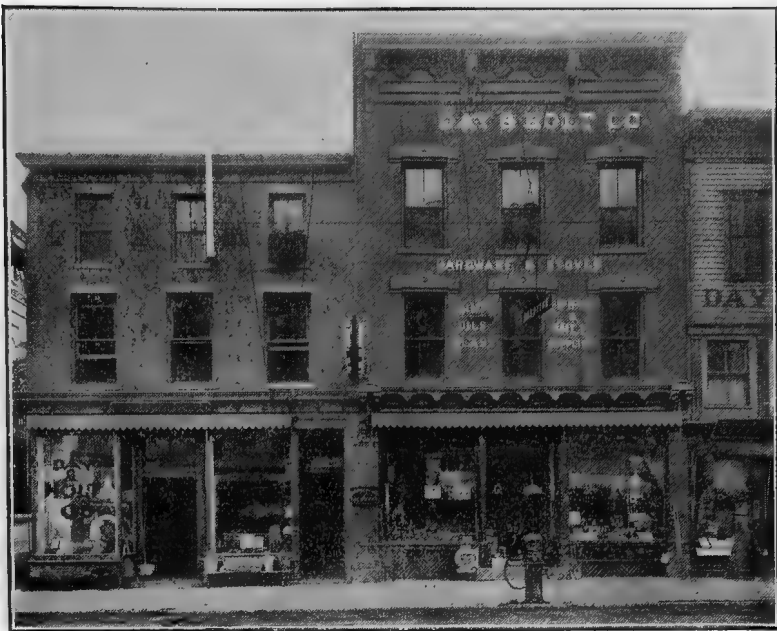


Henry Place, Chief of  
Catskill Fire Department.



Dist. Atty. Howard C. Wilbur, Catskill.





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HARDWARE AND HOUSEFURNISHINGS  
TOOLS

We sell all the noted makes of guaranteed tools.  
Disston Saws—Maydole Hammers—Stanley Planes—Starrett Machinist Tools—Kraeuter Pliers.

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We are agents for The International line of Farm Implements.

## PAINTS AND OILS

We carry a full stock of Sherwin-Williams Paints—Oils of every description.

## RED CROSS STOVES AND RANGES

We have sold "Red Cross" stoves and ranges for 35 years and can show a list of 3500 satisfied local users.

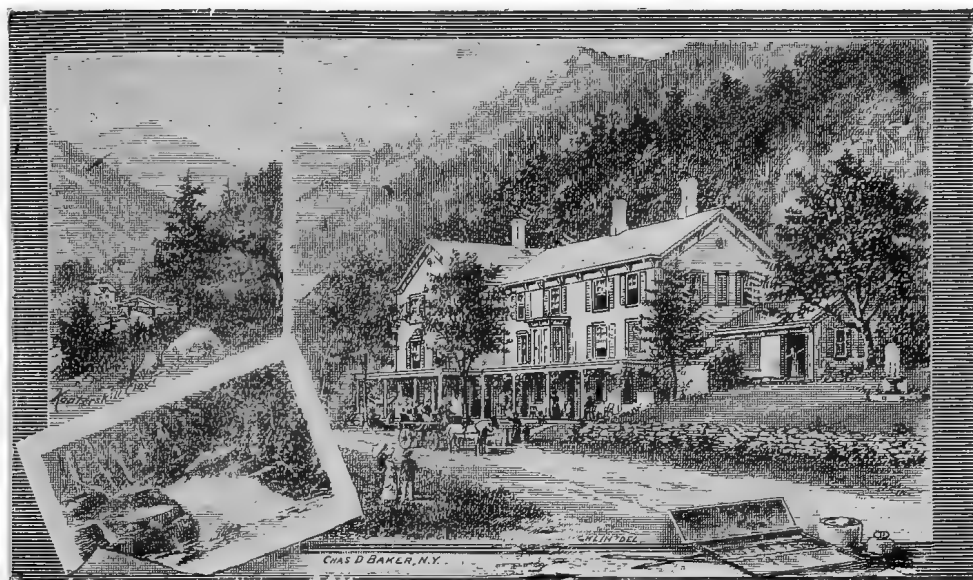
Woodenware—Crockery & Glassware—Tinware—Aluminum Ware—Enameled Ware.  
Plumbing and Heating.



Scenes in Austin's Glen, Catskill.



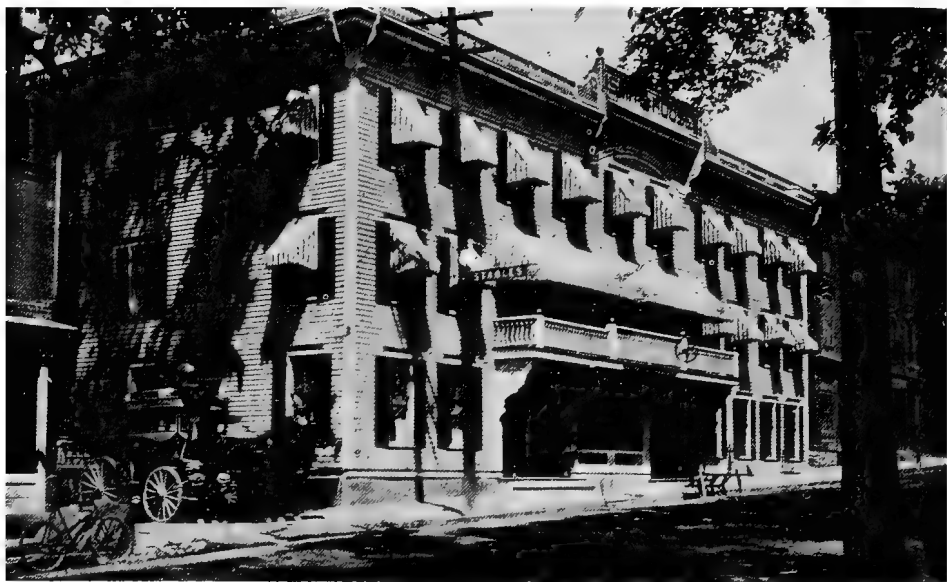




Scribner House, Palenville. Destroyed by fire, 1904.



Residence of A. Timmerman at Palenville.



## SMITH HOUSE

Head of Main St.

Catskill, N. Y.

—Oldest Stand in Greene County—

Enlarged by Martin F. Smith 1880; Rebuilt by Wm. M. Smith; Improved and Up-to-date under Edwin H. Smith, present proprietor.  
Modern in Every Way.

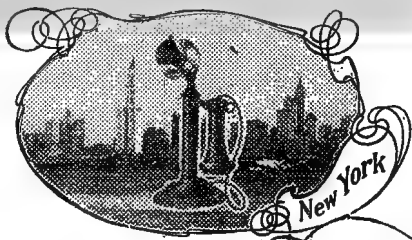
TRAVELERS' HOME

## THE NEW SAULPAUGH

Catskill, N. Y.

**ABSOLUTELY MODERN**

LIMITED, 1915 — NEW  
TO SAN FRANCISCO  
FOUR DAYS.



VIA THE PANAMA CANAL, 1914

New York to San Francisco: 1860 Five months. 1889 Twenty days.  
1915 Four days. Via Panama Canal 18 days. Via telephone 1915, 1 second.



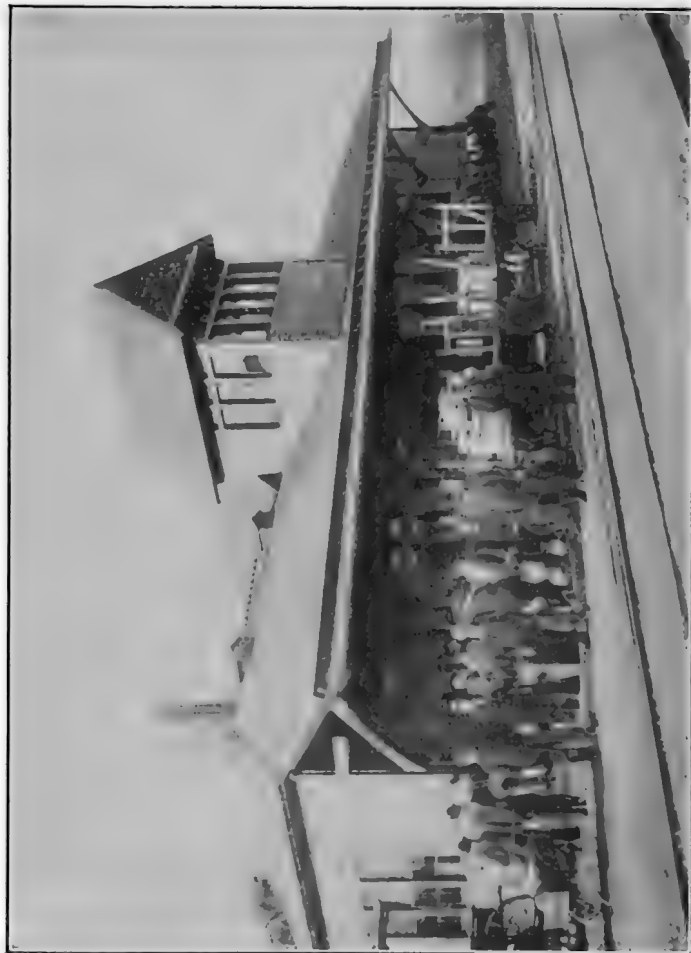
The Union Mills, Catskill.



Texido House, Catskill. Odd Architecture.



Champion Wiley Hose Basket Ball team.  
Left to right. Top Row—Shutelt, Carney, R. Roe,  
Bottom Row—Place, P. Roe, Hines.



West Shore Depot, destroyed by fire. Courtesy E. E. Woodruff.

347-349 Main Street

CatsKill, N. Y.

THE TANNERS NATIONAL BANK  
OF CATSKILL.

| 1831 | 1865 | 1915 |
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| Capital .....                      | \$150,000 00 |
| Surplus and Undivided Profits..... | \$188,000,00 |
| Deposits.....                      | \$777,801.22 |

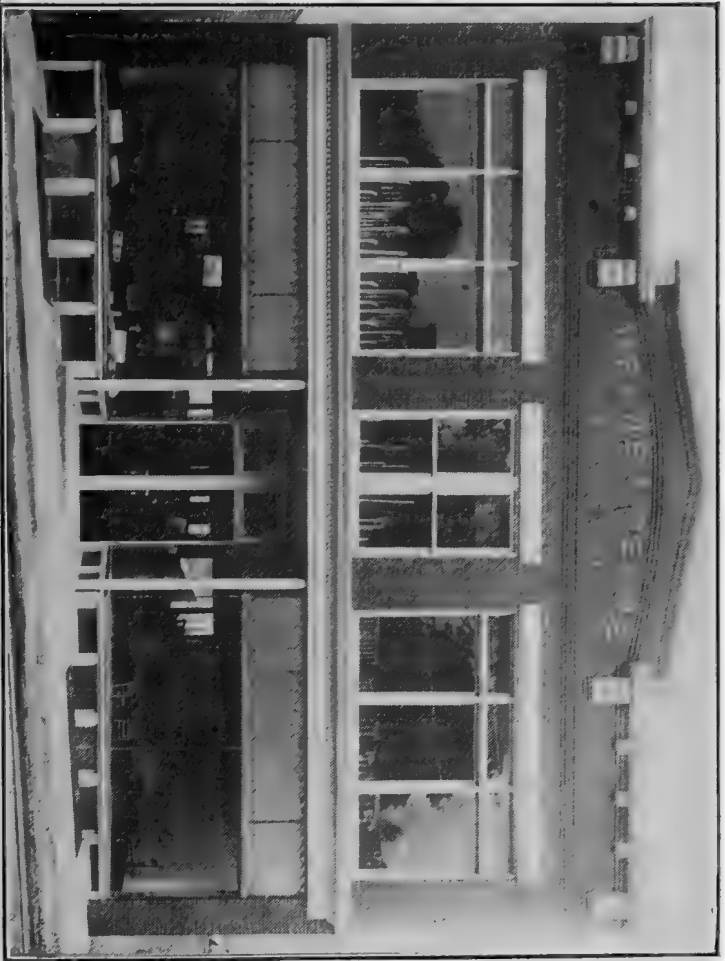
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Boarding House of W. M. Saxe, Palenville, and Falls Opposite.







Furniture Store of Deane & Deane, Main Street, Catskill, N. Y.

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### J. HENRY DEANE

J. Henry Deane was born Nov. 22, 1855, at New Baltimore, at the place called Deane's mills. His father, Francis W. Deane, was a miller at that time and continued at that profession in the town of Westerlo, Albany county, between Indian Fields and Dormansville, until 1866, when he gave up the mill and moved to a farm at Greenville, which is still owned by J. Henry Deane.

On Nov. 22, 1876, J. Henry Deane married Mary C. Losee, daughter of Stephen A. Losee, and in the spring of 1879, moved to Austin, Illinois, where he entered the employ of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, with office at Chicago. He remained with the company and on a visit to his old home he was induced by his father to return to the farm, which he did in 1884. He remained on the farm for 4 years, but prices for farm produce were so low (hay selling for from \$8 to \$10 per ton) he decided to give up farming which he did in 1888, and moved to Catskill, where he entered the employ of the Catskill Mountain Railroad Company. He remained with them for 2 years, when he gave up railroading and became a clerk in the furniture store of Post & Deane, after first going to New York City and taking a course in embalming, with Prof. A. Raymond, recognized as the best teacher of the art in this country. In 1892 he purchased the interest of W. A. Post in the furniture and undertaking business, and the firm of Post & Deane was changed to Deane & Deane, Dr. J. A. Deane, an uncle, being the senior partner. In 1910 George A. Deane, his son, purchased the interest of Dr. J. A. Deane, and the father and son became partners. Their increasing business demanding more room in 1914 they moved to their new store No. 439-441 Main street where they have one of the largest and finest furniture stores in the state.

During his residence in Catskill, J. Henry Deane has served as president of the Rip Van Winkle Club, president of the Board of trustees of the village of Catskill, coroner of Greene county for 4 years, and is now serving his third successive term as supervisor of the town. Mr. Deane is associated with the Masons, Rip Van Winkle Club, Red Men, Protected Home Circle, and is a trustee of the Presbyterian church.



## Catskill Savings Bank

CATSKILL, N. Y.

This institution which is the only one of its kind in the county was incorporated by Chapter 96 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed April 1, 1868.

Its first Trustees were its incorporators, none of whom survive, namely:

S. Sherwood Day, John Breasted, Samuel Harris, Rufus H. King, Jacob H. Meech, George Griffin, Elijah P. Bushnell, Frederick Cooke, John H. Bagley, Jr., Burton G. Morse, John A. Griswold, Luke Roe, Edwin N. Hubbell, Sheldon A. Givens, Charles L. Beach, George Beach, George Robertson, Isaac Pruyn, John M. Donnelly, Francis N. Wilson, Nelson Fanning, Manly B. Mattice, Edgar Russell and Joseph Hallock.

Its present Trustees are Orrin Day, Jeremiah Day, W. Irving Jennings, Emory A. Chase, William Palmatier, Lucius R. Doty, Charles E. Bassett, George S. Lewis, William H. Van Orden, Frank H. Osborn, Albert C. Bloodgood, William J. Hughes, Omar V. Sage, Addison P. Jones and James Lewis Malcolm.

The following Trustees have served as President since the bank's organization in the order named: John Breasted, S. Sherwood Day, Rufus H. King, Joseph Hallock, Manly B. Mattice and W. Irving Jennings.

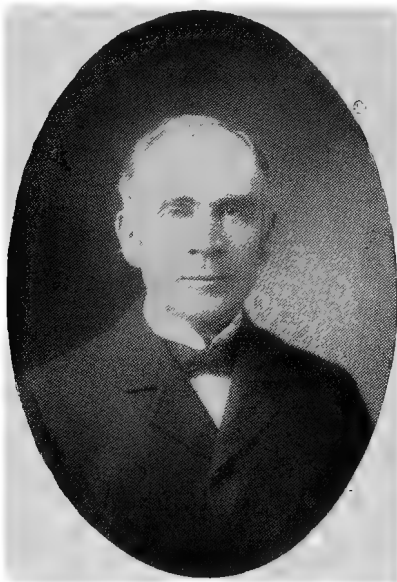
The executive officers for many years have been and are: W. Irving Jennings President, Emory A. Chase 1st Vice President, Jeremiah Day 2nd Vice President and Secretary, and Orrin Day Treasurer.

From its organization until June, 1909, the business of the bank was conducted in the banking room of the Tanners National Bank of Catskill, since which time it has occupied its new building, shown on the head of this page, No. 343 Main Street.

The bank's total resources January 1, 1915, based on investment or amortized value of securities were \$3,797,400.55, which are carefully invested as required by Law and subject to the supervision of the State Banking Department.

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GEORGE W. HOLDRIDGE

George W. Holdridge was born in the town of Catskill, Greene county, October 20, 1847. His father was James Holdridge and his mother, Sarah Lane. James Holdridge was a son of Isaac Holdridge and Hannah Pettit.

The Holdridge family was of English descent and moved from Connecticut to Lexington, Greene county where they lived until 1814 when they moved to Catskill and purchased a tract of land situated at the foot of Round Top Mountain, part of which is now owned by the shale brick company.

The Pettit family came from France and settled on Long Island. Later they moved to Hurley, Ulster county, and from there to Lexington. Hannah Pettit had two brothers, Amos and Hezekiah, who resided in the town of Lexington. Hezekiah was born in 1779 and died in 1852. For fifty years he was pastor of the Baptist church on Lexington flats, being widely known as Elder Pettit. He served without pay most of the time.

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Andrew Lane, father of Mr. Holdridge's mother came from England and settled in Dutchess county. About 1800 they moved to Ulster county. He served in the 2d regiment during the Revolutionary War.

At the age of 13 George W. Holdridge came to Catskill and was apprenticed to A. & B. Wiltse in the foundry that is now the Catskill Machine Works, and was to receive \$50 per year until he became 21. But after 8 months he received \$4 and went to work for John Hardwick and Robert E. Ferrier, where he ran the engine for 3 years, doing his own firing, and shoveling daily 16 loads of sand into the pit. He received \$1 per day and board. At the close of the brick season he went to work for William H. Finch, to learn the mason's trade.

In 1865 he listed in the U. S. navy, going first to the Vermont and later the Shenango. The boat was sent south and arrived at Charleston, Feb. 18, 1865, the morning following its evacuation by the Rebels. The city had been set on fire, and he helped put it out. Later on they captured a Rebel boat, the Olivia, laden with cotton,

Sailing down the Black River they dispersed 300 Rebel Guerilla Cavalry and took a large quantity of provisions from them. Being transferred from the Shenango to the Kansas they were ordered to the West Indies, later to Brazil and the Falkland Islands. They had many rough and exciting experiences, and plenty of hardship, and at one time for 15 days were on an allowance of a half pint of water per man. April 13, 1867, he was paid off and discharged from the navy.

In 1868 he started to work for L. S. and William Smith at Catskill, and in 1870 formed a partnership with William Ruland as contractor and builder. In 1881 he went by himself and since that time has forged to the front as one of the best builders of brick and stonework in Greene county. Among the many splendid structures that he has erected are the Catskill Armory, St. Luke's church, the Young Men's Christian Association building, the Carnegie Library, the Irying School building, the Grandview School building, St. Patrick's Academy, Parochial residence, num-

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ber 1 and number 5 engine houses, and the Rowena Memorial School building at Palenville, a picture of which is to be seen elsewhere in this book, and many other structures.

He was a member of the Catskill fire department from 1871 to 1888, and 2 years chief. He served the town of Catskill as collector 1872-3, trustee of the village 1894-96, being president of the Board in 1896. In 1897 he was honored by the county by election as sheriff, serving with distinction during 1898-1900, the jail being then as it was at the time Mrs. Beardsley purchased the property. (See account Heidelberg.)

Mr. Holdridge has always taken an active part in the upbuilding of Catskill, and has been a trustee of the Catskill Methodist church since 1892.

He was married to Hannah M. Dederick Jan. 4, 1871, and had 5 children, Frank, who died at the age of 13 years, Harry, who was killed by the cars at Alsen, Jan. 16, 1910. Harry was married to Anna May Richardson, Sept. 6, 1905, and they had one son, George Frederick. There are now living, Walter H., Florence and May Holdridge. Walter married Adaline Craigie of Catskill and they reside in New York where he has a fine medical practice. They have one son, Walter Henry. Florence married Frank H. Cooke. They are living in Catskill and have one child, Marie Holdridge. May is still living at the old home.

On July 1, 1908, Mr. Holdridge married Marie Burger, who takes an active interest in church, Y. M. C. A. and fireman-ic work as well as her home on Division street.

Mr. Holdridge has a large and well equipped contracting supply plant on the West Side, and employs a large number of skilled mechanics who are generously paid and always take great interest in his work.

The residence of Mr. Holdridge on Division street, adjoins his supply plant, and is a very handsome building, located on a well kept terrace and surrounded by a flower garden.

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Temporary Depot at Catskill, built in two days after the destruction of the old depot at West Shore Station. View of first depot will be found elsewhere in book.



All that remained of St. Anthony's School, formerly Prospect Park Hotel, Catskill, after the fire. Building is to be replaced by the Franciscan Society, in the near future as a monastery.



### **Free and Accepted Masons**

The institution of Masonry early appealed to the prominent citizens of Catskill, and within ten years of the close of the Revolutionary war, when a time of settled peace had given opportunity to the people in the long harrassed Hudson river valley to turn their minds to other things than war, on the 11th of December, 1792, to be exact, a petition bearing ten names asking for organization of a Masonic lodge at Catskill was forwarded to the Grand Lodge. The petition was granted, and Harmony Lodge No. 31, F & A. M., was instituted by charter dated September 3, 1793, signed by Robert R. Livingston, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The charter members of the lodge were Jacob Bogardus, Stephen Day, Samuel Haight, Rufus Stanley, George Taylor, Dr. Thomas Thomson, Hezekiah Van Orden, and W. W. Wetmore, men whose names survive as land-



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marks of an earlier time in Catskill history. Samuel Haight was the first master of the lodge, Stephen Day senior warden and Dr. Thomson junior warden. The lodge increased in membership up to the year 1800, when it numbered 48, after which it declined and probably went out of existence in 1805.

The second Masonic lodge organized here was Catskill Lodge No. 302, F. & A. M., by charter dated March 4, 1818, signed with the illustrious name of M. W. DeWitt Clinton, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. There were thirteen charter members, and the first officers were: Caleb Benton, W. M.; Cornelius DuBois, S. W.; Thomas Hale, J. W. This lodge occupied rooms which had been fitted up for the purpose by Francis Botsford, in the third story of the building now known as the Selleck building, at the corner of Main and Thomson streets. These rooms were plainly but substantially furnished and at that time were considered ideal lodge rooms. No. 302 held together during the height of the anti-masonic wave that swept over the country from 1827 to 1830, having an active membership of 40 in June, 1829, but it declined after that date, becoming extinct on the 4th of June, 1835.

It was another generation that again revived Masonry in Catskill, a quarter of a century having elapsed before the institution of another lodge here. This took place in 1859, when by dispensation granted February 10th, Catskill Lodge No. 468 was organized with the following charter members: John H. Bagley, jr., James Becker, Peter Baurhyte, Samuel DuBois, David S. Manchester, George L. France, Luke Kiersted, Rufus H. King, A. Melvin Osborne, T. C. Palmer and Isaac Pulver. The lodge first met in a hall in the Cook building at the corner of Main street and Bank Alley, now occupied by the Grand Army of the Republic, and here it was formally instituted June 27, 1859, with the following officers: John H. Bagley, jr., W. M.; T. C. Palmer, S. W.; James Becker, J. W.; Samuel DuBois, secretary; Rufus H. King, treasurer; Isaac Pulver, S. D.; A. M. Osborne, J. D.; D. Manchester, Tyler.

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On the 1st of May, 1863, the lodge room was moved to Martin's hall in the building now occupied by Beardsley's hardware store. Some five years later Charles E. French erected a building further up Main street, nearly to the corner of Church street, and the lodge leased the third floor of this building from the 1st of January, 1869. Ten years later, on the 1st of May, 1879, another move was made, to the Oliver Bourke building, in the hall now used by the Knights of Columbus. The stay here was longer, but in 1894 another move was made to what is known as Cowles hall, which was in fact the old location in the French building, over the present location of the telephone exchange.

But as the lodge grew in numbers and influence the question of owning a building was brought to the front, and a building fund was started and added to each year up to 1907, when it was used in the purchase of the Irving House property at the corner of Main and Clark streets. This property was, however, soon after taken by the county as part of the location for the new court house, so the matter rested for another year. In 1909, on the advice of the trustees of the lodge, Ira B. Kerr, I. Wheeler Brandow and William H. Hallenbeck, and of the worshipful master, J. Henry Deane, the old court house property, at the corner of Franklin and Bridge streets, was purchased from the county. Extensive alterations were made in the building to fit it for Masonic purposes, with the result that here is one of the finest lodge rooms along the Hudson river. The new rooms were first occupied at the communication of September 1st, 1910, and the building, now properly designated the Masonic Temple, was formally dedicated to the uses of Free and Accepted Masonry with impressive ceremonies on the 7th of February, 1912. Howard C. Wilbur, worshipful master, made the presentation, and the dedication ceremonies were conducted by M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and the following staff: John J. MacCoun senior grand warden, Christopher C. Molienhouer junior grand warden, John H. Sanford Deputy Grand Master, William E. Stevens Grand Chaplain, H. Greeley Brown Grand Secretary, Mayhew W. Bronson Grand Treasurer, Jacob C. Klinck Grand Marshal. There were more

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than 400 Master Masons present on this occasion, members of Catskill lodge and visitors.

Under the auspices of Catskill Lodge No. 468, F. & A. M., the corner stone of the new Greene Co. court house was laid with proper ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 12, 1908 (A. L. 5908), at 1:15 P. M., by the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. The acting officers of the Grand Lodge present were: R. W. Charles Smith Grand Master, R. W. Samuel Stern Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Ira B. Kerr Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Richard A. Anstin Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Sanford W. Smith Grand Treasurer, R. W. Henry Hudson Grand Secretary, R. W. William W. Chace Grand Marshal, Bro. Clark Wright D. D. Grand Chaplain, Bro. William J. Beardsley Grand Architect. Lafayette Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, of Hudson, Edward W. Scovil, E. C., served as escort to the grand officers. There were in attendance representatives from the following Masonic lodges: Ark Lodge No. 48, Coxsackie; Oasis Lodge No 119, Prattsville; Cascade Lodge No. 427, Oak Hill; Catskill Lodge No. 468, Catskill; Mountain Lodge No. 529, Windham; James M. Austin Lodge No. 557, Greenville; Kedemah Lodge No. 693, Cairo; Social Friendship Lodge No. 741, New Baltimore; Mount Tabor Lodge No. 807, Hunter.

The successive worshipful masters of Catskill lodge have been: John H. Bagley, jr., Charles C. Givens, John H. Bagley [2d time], James E. Nearing, Jacob S. Philip, James E. Nearing [2d time], A. Melvin Osborne, John H. Bagley [3d time], James Becker, Charles H. Pierson, John F. Sylvester, George C. Fox, Charles H. Pierson [2d time], Stephen M. Bagley, William J. Hughes, Charles H. Pierson [3d time], Orrin G. Selden, Abram P. Kerley, Will R. Post, Charles H. Bennett, Robert Selden, William W. Bennett, George H. Warner, William R. Maguire, Henry T. Jones, Samuel B. Doty, Charles G. Coffin, Charles E. Carey, William R. Maguire [2d time], Ira B. Kerr, Frederick A. H. Dewald, J. Rodney Magee, W. Platt Fisher, J. Henry Deane, George H. Terns, Howard C. Wilbur, Archie D. Clow.

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Catskill Lodge is in the 15th Masonic district, of the State of New York, which comprises Greene and Ulster counties. It has produced two grand lodge officers, R. W. John H. Bagley and R. W. Ira B. Kerr, both of whom held the position of District Deputy Grand Master. The lodge grows steadily in influence and membership, its active list in 1914 carrying 236 names. The lodge officers for 1914 are as follows; Claude H. Heath, W. M.; John Henry Felter, S. W.; George A. Deane, J. W.; R. D. Miller, Secretary; James P. Philip, Treasurer; Frank L. Vedder, S. D.; Lewis R. Magee, J. D.; Earl C. Sandt, S. M. C.; George W. Parks, J. M. C.; Jeremiah E. Crawford, Edward M. Sedgwick, Stewards; Rev. G. H. P. Grout, Rev. J. W. Tetley, Rev. Wallace J. Gardner, Jay D. Hopkins, Chaplains; J. Lewis Patrie, Marshal; Frederick Becker, Tyler. Regular Communications of Catskill Lodge are held every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Later—Officers for 1915, John Henry Felter, W. M.; Frank L. Vedder, S. W.; Lewis R. Magee, J. W.; Roscoe D. Miller, Secretary; J. P. Philip, Treasurer; Earl C. Sandt, S. D.; George W. Parks, S. D.; Seth T. Cole, S. M. C.; Euberto Austin, J. M. C.; Frank S. Mackey, Elmer E. Whitcomb, Stewards; Rev. G. H. P. Grout, Rev. J. W. Tetley, Rev. Wallace J. Gardner, Jay D. Hopkins, Chaplains; J. Lewis Patrie, Marshal; Clarence A. Noble, Tyler; William H. Hollenbeck, Ira B. Kerr, I. W. Brandow, Trustees.

Catskill Masonic Club was organized in 1912 to give members of the order greater advantages for social intercourse. All master masons are eligible to membership and can become members of the league of Mason Clubs on payment of a small fee. The club rooms are located on the ground floor of the Masonic Temple and are open every day and evening in the year. Its past presidents are James P. Philip, Jay D. Hopkins and Claude H. Heath. Present officers: Archie D. Clow, president; Clarence A. Noble, J. Henry Felter, vice-president; Euberto Austin, treasurer; Earl C. Sandt, secretary; Frank L. Vedder, collector; George H. Warner, George S. Lewis, Jay D. Hopkins, J. Henry Deane, Howard C. Wilbur, Howard C. Smith, Charles H. Arbogast, governors.

We are indebted to F. E. Craigie, editor of the Examiner for the history of the Masonic lodges of Greene county.



Main Street, Coxsackie, N. Y.

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### Coxsackie



Dayton B. Smith.

The town of Coxsackie or district as it then was regarded was taken from Albany county in 1788, and included New Baltimore, Freehold, Athens, Cairo, Durham, Greenville, stretching as far as Gilboa. It was made up of many original grants of which Peter Bronk's in 1662, was the first. Naturally therefore Coxsackie figures very largely in the colonial history. Reference has been made elsewhere to these patents.

The Bronks, Van Bergens, Van Slykes, Hallenbecks, Smiths, Van Loons, Houghtalings, Spoors, Van Schaacks, were among the first settlers, and Counsellor E. C. Hallen-

beck, and the Rev. Lewis Lampman have among their possessions many of the original deeds and historical documents.

The commodity of the early date appears to have been wheat and "schepels of good and merchantible wheat" took the place of money.

At the present time the town comprises 33,000 acres, and the value of the real property is over \$2,000,000, and the taxes for 1914 were over \$47,000. Coxsackie has no bonded indebtedness and is one of the most prosperous of the river towns.

The first ferry was operated by Ephraim Bogardus and in 1800 there is a record of a license to him to run a ferry.

The Dutch Reformed church was organized at Coxsackie in 1732, and a church was erected around 1738, and this building was pulled down in 1798 when Henry Van Bergen gave a lot for a new church on the opposite side of the road. This building stood until 1861, when the present church was built. Michael

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Weiss is given the honor of first minister. He was followed by Johannes Schunemann, who preached also at Catskill, 1752-1794. Later Coeymans was included in the circuit.

The Second Reformed Church was organized in 1833.

The Methodist Episcopal church was organized in 1836, and Cocksackie and Coeymans were the preaching places.

The Protestant Episcopal church was organized in 1853.

The Roman Catholic church was organized in 1845.

The Cocksackie High school is a splendid institution with a large and commodious building, and a teaching corps that is second only to Catskill in point of numbers. The first schools were established in the town just prior to 1800, Anthony Rogers teaching the school at Cocksackie village. The Rev. Henry Ostrander is also said to have been a teacher in 1801 to 1810.

The Cocksackie cemetery was incorporated in 1826, and contains the mortal remains of many of the early residents. The Riverside cemetery was not incorporated until 1873.

Cocksackie village was incorporated in 1867.

Cocksackie has a well equipped fire department with a gravity water system, the supply being taken from streams in the neighborhood. The village is lighted by electric lights. There are many fine stores and a number of manufacturing concerns.

The first National Bank was organized in 1865.

The hotels are the Park Hotel, Frank Vermilyea, proprietor, an old and well equipped stand at West Cocksackie, the Cobblestone Inn, a very pretty hotel also at West Cocksackie, the Larabee House, the Eagle Hotel and the Cummings Hotel at the landing.

William P. Franklin conducts the Cocksackie Union, which in 1867 he started as the Cocksackie News. It is still printed in the same building where it was started by Mr. Franklin.

Cocksackie Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M. was organized at a meeting held at Foot's Inn in that village on the 24th of December, 1796. The first officers were: Philip Conine, jr., W. M.; Isaac Rosa, S. W.; Benjamin Moore, J. W.; John Barr, secre-

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tary; Jesse Wood, treasurer. The other charter members were John Bostwick, Giles Gridley, John McIntyre, Solomon Palmer, Storm Rosa and Stephen Truesdell. This lodge continued until 1804, when its charter was surrendered.

Ark Lodge No. 271, F. & A. M. was organized in 1816, with Talmadge Fairchild, W.M.; Amariah Foster, S.W.; William Bliss, J. W. Other officers and charter members not on record. It lasted for ten years, going out of existence during the anti-mason wave that started in 1826.

Ark Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M. was organized in 1846 with the same worshipful master, Talmadge Fairchild, who started with the lodge of thirty years before. Succeeding him as W. M. there have been Philip Conine jr., Isaac Rosa, Jesse Wood, Solomon Palmer, Adonijah Miner, W. V. B. Hermance, John Bedell, Gilbert Bedell jr., Henry M. Beach, John B. Bronk, Alexander Reed, Albert Parker, Jacob Houghtaling, William K. Reed, A. Webster Van Slyke, Samuel C. Bennett, A. V. D. Collier, Henry J. Hahn, Henry Van Dyck, Rev. Eugene Hill, Schuyler C. Bishop, Geo. W. Barber, Oakley L. Fenton, William I. Sax, R. H. Van Denburgh, Austin W. Barber, W. Ralph Church, Henry R. Soper.

Officers of 1914: W. Ralph Church W. M., Henry R. Soper S. W., Collins C. Whitmore J. W., W. R. Church Treas., Geo. W. Barber Sec., Leonard A. Warren S. D., Francis L. Worden J. D., Wm. H. Salisbury S. M. C., Chas. F. Colvin J.M. C., Jerome E. Browne, Tyler, Rev. Samuel T. Clifton, Chap.

At Fort Orange, on the 14th of January 1662, Sisketas and Sichemoes, two Indians sold to Pieter Bronck the first parcel of land in what is now Greene county, and which under Governor Knolls in 1667 became known as Bronck's patent. This tract of land was called by the Indians Kioxhacking, and this land afterwards passed to Jan Bronck and south of this patent was the Loonenburgh patent which extended to what is now the Catskill line, and on the north it extended into the Coeymans district. A part of the Loonenburgh patent became the property of Marte Garritse Van Bergen known as the fountain flats, 1861. The Korlarskill Patent was owned by Jan Bronck and Marte Gerritse



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Van Bergen, and became in 1687 the Cocksackie Patent. The Bronk house, which is still standing and which is in the possession of the Rev. Lewis Lampman, was erected in 1736. Judge Leonard Bronk, who was born in 1752, was undoubtedly the foremost man of his period. Not only was he appointed first Judge of the Court Common Pleas for Greene county, 1800, a position which he held for ten years, but he was the first lieutenant Governor of the State of New York, 1777, 1778, was major of infantry in 1793, lieutenant Col. in 1796. Previous to that time he had served 9 nine terms as member of assembly, and state senator, in 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1803. For many years he was justice of the peace of Albany county. He died in 1828 at the age of 76 years. Many of the deeds covering the early lands are in possession of Mr. Lampman, and still others of the Van Bergens are in the possession of Judge Hallenbeck and Lawrence Van Bergen of Cocksackie, son Henry Van Bergen.

The Houghtaling patent was west of the Bronk patent and bears date of 1697, a grant to Matthias Houghtaling.

One of the oldest industries in Cocksackie is the Marble and Granite works. Just when the works were started we do not know, but they were started by William E. Leigh at West Cocksackie, later Levi Bedell was connected with the enterprise. D. Meade and W. G. Fox succeeded them and conducted the business for about twelve years. Messrs. Titus and Shufelt have been at the helm for 22 years, and they have a model plant with electric equipment, 30 horse power, and a large number of men busy cutting fine monumental work. Their patronage extends over a large field. They have erected some of the finest stones in the county. A notable piece of artistic work is the sarcophagus that marks the last resting place of John N. Briggs at Coeymans.

The Cocksackie Malleable and Grey Iron Company established a plant at Cocksackie in 1866, and these buildings were destroyed by fire in 1871, entailing a loss of \$50,000.

The A. B. Newbury Machine Works, originally established

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The Last Old Toll Gate, at Climax.

at Windham Center in 1851, were moved to Coxsackie in 1866, manufacturing printing presses. This business was very prosperous for many years, and several offices in Greene county are using presses of the Newbury's.

The Coxsackie Flour, Feed and Plaster Mill was established by E. D. Hallock.

The Kennedy Valve Manufactory was one of Coxsackie's greatest industries, and employed a large number of men, but after a number of years they moved most of their machinery out of town and the works have gone into a state of delapidation.

The American Valve Company established a few years later has a pay roll of \$1,400 per week and employs from 60 to 120 men, and is still doing a good business there. O. L. Whitman is superintendent. They are building an addition of 50x40 to their plant.

The ice industry was started at Coxsackie by Hiram Van Steenburgh of Catskill, in 1850.

The canning industry was established in Coxsackie by E.H. Lounsbury in 1872.

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Among the principal business men of Cossackie are: E. S. Anthony ice dealer, Levi Bedell miller and shipper, Myer Bresky clothier, N. A. Calkins attorney, E. H. Merriam pres. Trolley Wheel company, D. H. Daley attorney, C. H. Delameter cooper, C. Dolan butcher, William P. Franklin publisher, E. W. Gardner optician, G. B. Gardner jeweler, John Goodwin lumber dealer, D. Geroe Greene ice dealer, Oscar J. Greene grocer, W. R. Church hardware, Frank Hadley grocer, E. C. Hallenbeck attorney, Wm. H. Hallenbeck builder, John Hoag barber, Frank C. Hoag nurseryman, George W. Hood grist mill operator, George Hubbard grocer and liveryman, Harry A. Jordan druggist, George W. Lamb insurance, James H. Lampman undertaker, John Loutfian physician, E. H. Miller Shirt and Collar Mfg., W. C. Brady & Son undertaker, Platt Coonley pres. National Bank, J. G. Newbury iron works, Albert Parker cashier bank, Teunis Petchel merchant, William J. Perry hotelkeeper, E. B. Raum supt. Trolley Co., Mark C. Richtmyer and Nelson Richtmyer clothiers, Irving W. Saxe dentist, Paul Schaad propr. West Shore hotel, Frank R. Shufelt and Irving Titus marble dealers, F. H. Sutherland sec. Reed & Powell Co., Wm. B. Townsend clerk Board of Supervisors, Frank Tremmel hardware dealer, C. W. Van Alstyne pres. Union Wheel Co., R. H. Van Denburgh physician, I. E. Van Hoesen physician, Andrew Van Slyke physician, J. H. Whitbeck president Whitbeck Co., Curtiss and Warren attorneys, Frank Vermilyea propr. Park Hotel, W. C. Wilson dentist, Bagley Brothers grocers, Dayton B. Smith supervisor and newsdealer, S. B. Corey milk dealer, P. V. Washburn & Son coal and lumber.

Haas Brothers garage, F. T. Bennett and C. Durand photographers, Smith 5 and 10 cent store, I. Gardner moving pictures.

The pastors of the several churches are:

First Reformed, W. A. Dumont,

Second Reformed, Samuel T. Clifton,

Methodist, T. W. Mackey,

Catholic, Father Gegan.

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The Hermance Memorial Library was the gift of Miss Eleanor Hermance of Coxsackie in 1908. It is fully endowed and the value of the property, furnishings and books amounts to about \$11,000. The income from the endowment was last yeas \$3,509. The building is open daily except Sundays, 10 to 12, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9. The trustees are A. W. Van Slyke, pres., Arthur E. Powell, treasurer, J. C. McClure and W. R. Church.

George H. Scott Hook & Ladder Company was the first fire organization, as the Hudson River Engine Company in 1860, with the Old DeLuge hand engine. They still have in their hose house a hand engine of a later date. This company was disbanded in 1880 having been robbed of its funds, and on Feb. 7, 1881 was reorganized as the Geo. H. Scott Hook & Ladder Company, with George H. Scott, Scotty as he has been familiarly known ever since, as president, and A. G. Case as vice president, J.E. Brown, jr. foreman, R. C. Hallock first asst., Alfred Smith 2d asst., W. H. Salisbury, jr. secy., E. W. Stone treas.

The present officers are E. W. Gardner pres., Charles Parslow foreman, W. H. Parslow secy., Dr. W. I. Saxe treas.

D. M. Halmilton Hose Company No. 2 was organized Feb. 18, 1871. George Carter is president and foreman.

Number 3 Hose Company is located at West Coxsackie with Frank J. Collier as foreman and president and has a fine record for fire work.

Number 4 Hose Company is located at the Upper landing and David Wallace is foreman.

The officers of the I. O. O. F. of Coxsackie are: N. G. Henry Seaney, V. G. Haskel Jones, Rec. Sec'y Charles Parslow, Fin. Sec'y Jas. Whitaker, Treasurer Chas. Collins, Trustee W. H. Parslow.

The officers of the Modern Woodmen of Coxsackie are: Worthy Consul Wm. G. Rommel, Worthy Advisor Myron Case,

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The village officers are: W. Ralph Church Pres., Fred P. Aley and Samuel T. Burroughs trustees, Wm. H. Salisbury Treas., Abram Spoor collector

Banker Wm. W. Doherty, Escort James F. Stacy, Clerk J. W. Tolley, Managers S. T. Clifton, Cyrus Countryman and George Overbaugh.

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### Durham



John E. Huyck

Durham formed a part of Albany county, district of Coxsackie, and retained the name of Coxsackie up to 1790, when a portion was taken off and the town of Freehold formed. And this section known as Freehold took in Greenville, Cairo, Windham, Ashland and Prattsville, and all of the town of Conesville in Schoharie county, about 150,000 acres. The balance of 31,000 acres was called Durham.

Many of the early settlers came from Durham, Conn., and that fact brought about the name of the town. Lucius De Witt is said to have been the first settler about 1770, and among those who followed were Hendrick and John Plank, Augustine Shue, Frederick Gruyslaer, Johnathan Baldwin, Augustus Pratt, John Hull, Eliakim Strong, Timothy Munger, Jairus Chittenden, and others whose names are still in living generations. Oak Hill was originally Dewittsville. Most of these people found their settlement at New Durham, and made their way from Connecticut. After reaching Catskill by sloop, they took a pack on their backs and with axe, gun, and blankets went into forests on foot, all prior of 1784.

The Baldwins trace their generations back to Flanders, in

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864, and allege that Baldwin IX was emperor of Constantinople in 1204, and that five successive Baldwins were kings at Jerusalem. Johnathan Baldwin who settled at Durham, died at the age of 91. Selah Strong, another of the early settlers, was a lieutenant in the French and Indian war. He occupied the place where Horace Strong died in 1915.

Eliakim Strong was one of the organizers of the Presbyterian church at Durham, and died in 1800.

John Bagley built a grist mill on Thorpe creek near East Durham.

Capt. Eliakim Stannard was a soldier in the Revolution, and his son Silas was in the war of 1812, and Lyman Stannard was a supervisor of the town.

The Wrights were among the early settlers. Deacon George Wright was in the Revolution.

James Utter, another settler, was a Revolutionary soldier. Utters are still thriving. Addison Utter built a mill at East Durham.

Capt. Thorpe had a saw mill near the same place.

The Pratt family, Johnathan and Abija, came from Saybrook, Conn., and Captain Pratt served in the Revolution. Abija Pratt was the father of Ezra Pratt, who lived on the old homestead up to the time of his death in 1912, at the age of 82. He was father of Mrs. F. A. Gallt, wife of the publisher of this history.

Icabod Olmsted had only a gun and an axe when he went to Durham, and he cleared all the land on his farm, and died at the age of 95 years.

George Fowler built a saw mill at Oak Hill, Dewittsville.

Jesse Rose was by profession a grave digger, but the natives never died, and so he had nothing to do.

The Cornwalls came from Connecticut in 1788, and Corn-

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wallsville was named in their honor. Capt. Daniel Cornwall served in the Revolution and died at the age of 90 years. Amos Cornwall moved to Catskill.

Dr. William Cook was the first physician and he served in the Revolution.

West Durham was settled by John Clover, William Rood, and Captain Daniel Shepherd. Clover was frozen to death while taking food to his family.

Captain John Newell served in the Revolution, and among the early settlers at Durham. This family traces to 1632.

Deacon Coe, Elihue Moss, Deacon Cleaveland, Deacon Chapman, William Ingraham, Thomas Adams, Col. Ezra Post, were early settlers.

In 1800 James Thompson of Durham, Garret Abeel of Catskill, James Bronk of Coxsackie, and William Beach of Catskill met and organized the first Board of Supervisors, with Mr. Abeel, chairman.

Jacob Roggen settled at Durham in 1806, was supervisor of Durham 1812-21, assemblyman 1816-22.

Daniel Peck built the first tannery at Oak Hill.

Of the early industries, Levi Tremaine built a tannery, Lucas Dewitt a grist, Joseph Wright a grist mill, Stephen Platt a grist mill, Jared Smith a saw mill, Asa Jones and John Jerome fulling mills. Jeremiah White, Daniel Peck, Judge Barker built tanneries.

Around 1840 the Cheritree's established a plow factory at Oak Hill and later a grist mill. This plant was destroyed by fire in 1865, and this business was continued up to about 1900, when it was discontinued.

Calvin Adams had a factory in Oak Hill for the manufacture of corn shellers, coffee mills and door trimmings.

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Falls on Thorpe Creek.

In 1807 the village of Durham was swept by the most disastrous fire in its history, a big cabinet making establishment and a number of dwelling houses being destroyed.

The Presbyterian church at Durham was destroyed by fire in 1894.

The Reformed church was established in Durham in 1787, the church being located at Oak Hill. The building was finally torn down and the society discontinued.

The Presbyterian church was organized at New Durham in 1792, by the Rev. Beriah Hotchkin. The first church was built in 1796, and a new church in 1821. The present church was erected in 1895, following the fire in 1894.



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The Baptist church was organized in 1809.

The Methodist church was organized about 1800, at East Durham and later divided and a separate church was organized at Durham and Cornswallville.

St. Paul's Episcopal church was organized at Durham in 1809.

Second Presbyterian church was organized at West Durham in 1815.

The Presbyterian church at Centerville in 1834.

There are traditions of the existence of a Masonic lodge at Durham many years ago, but we have found no record of it. The only one in the town now is Cascade Lodge No. 427, F. & A. M., which was instituted March 16, 1857, with the following officers: D. B. Booth, W. M.; Luman Ramsdell, S. W.; John H. Baldwin, J. W.; A. H. Hayes, S. D.; Amos Sear, J. D.; Calvin Adams, treasurer; Manly B. Mattice, secretary; O. T. Humphrey, S. M. C.; H. J. Peck, J. M. C.; Wellington Peck, orator; Elihu Ingalls, tyler. This lodge owns the Masonic Hall in Oak Hill, where communications are held on the first and third Monday in each month. It has an active membership of 137. It has produced one Grand Lodge officer, R. W. Emerson Ford, district deputy grand master for the 15th Masonic district in 1906. The present officers of the lodge are: Charles A. Shultes, W. M.; L. G. Chamberlain, S. W.; Potter A. Scott, J. W.; Leroy Brandow, S. D.; C. Warwick Newell, J. D.; Ernest L. Ford, treasurer; Paige T. Hoagland, secretary; Elmer Borthwick, S. M. C.; Alfred Hulbert, J. M. C.; Omar Hallock, Orville Hull, stewards; George F. White, marshal; Elisha N. Parks, chaplain; George Burhans, tyler.

The town of Durham has never had many criminals. Patrick Flynn, in 1846, murdered James Roberts, a drover, for his money, and he was the first murderer executed in the county,

## Greenville



Lewis Hoose

The town of Greenville was taken from Cocksackie and Freehold in 1803. The town of Freehold subsequently was changed to Durham. Barent Petersen under a grant by Governor Lovelace and confirmed by Queen Anne, was owner of pretty much all of the town. Lieutenant Colonel Augustine Prevost had a grant of some 7000 acres and the grant was accompanied by a certificate from General Gage indicating the valuable services of Col. Prevost and his son. This patent was dated 1767, and another grant of lands extended south of the Prevost grant to John French, Thomas Lynot, Mar-

Van Bergen and others, that extended from the Coeymans patent to Freehold or Durham. Col. Prevost built on the road west of what is now Greenville, a very picturesque mansion of the early colonial period, of which we are able to give a fine view. The writer has passed this old homestead a great many times and always to admire its sturdy lines. And always with complimentary thought of the very honorable family that occupied it. It is still one of the most picturesque houses in the town of Greenville, as well as the oldest.

The earliest settlers were the Ramsdells, Rundells, Sherills, Waldrons, Shaws, Kings, Losees, Storys, Calhouns, Barkers, Botsfords, Lampmans, and Bogarduses, names and generations still honored. So far as we know there are none of the Prevost family remaining except as they may be under another name.

Major Prevost was born in 1744 and served in the English army with distinction in the French and Indian war. He first

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came to Catskill, then known as Katskill and in 1794 he moved to Greenville. He was a man of great energy and built a number of houses and several mills for sawing lumber and grinding grain, and was back of a number of business enterprises. The Presbyterian church, the first school in Greenville, which afterwards became the Academy, and a school near his residence in which he employed a teacher for the benefit of his own children, were among the tangible evidences of his beneficence. At one time he is said to have been in partnership with Alexander Hamilton, and Aaron Burr his legal adviser. The Major died in 1821. He had three sons, one of whom was lost on the Albion, and another during the peninsular war, leaving Theodore L., whom the writer of this book remembers, his sole heir and an occupant of the place. Theodore was living on the place when the writer was living at Greenville in 1880.

Benjamin Spees, Edward Lake and Eleazer Knowles made their way from Connecticut on horseback in 1781. Knowles built a cabin on Budd hill, and Spees and Lake built north of Greenville.

The first settler was Godfrey Brandow, a Dutchman from the Saugerties section, he having married one of the Oyerbaughs of that section. He built a log house and was followed by Stephen Lampman, who became his neighbor. Brandow died in 1795 and his grave is unmarked. Peter Brandow, a son of Godfred Brandow, married Hannah Bogardus of Coxsackie and raised a family of 11 children, most of whom settled in that section and rounded out the century. Jacob Bogardus moved from Coxsackie to Greenville in 1772, Nanning Bogardus settled in Greenville in 1684, Simon Losee settled in Greenville in 1790, Obadiah King in 1791, The latter lived to be 80 years of age and in 1801 built a saw mill on the Potic Creek, near the place where water for the Catskill water supply was to be taken. Abel Wakely, Edward Wooster, and Reuben Rundell settled near the present village of Greenville, and Nathaniel Fancher at Greenville Center, members of the Norton family at what was afterward called Norton Hill, and Thomas Place at Place's Corners.

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The Prevost House at Greenville, 1798.

Reuben Rundell was another of the pioneers who came from Connecticut, and served as lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. He landed at Catskill and followed the early trail to Greenville and built a log cabin on the Frank Deane farm. He was killed in 1850 while crossing the Hudson river at Athens, being hit by flying stone, dislodged by a blast on the New York Central railroad.

Dr. Amos Botsford and John Ely were the first medical practitioners in the town, the former passing in 1864. Isaac Hallock and Edmund Blackmore had the first hotels in 1818 and 1820. The latter hotel was located near Gayhead and Elder Steward, one of the first pastors of the Baptist church, conducted a hotel, Jacob Flansburgh and Benton Hallock also had hotels in the town.

The village of Greenville is the most populous of the several villages and hamlets in the town. Ransom Hinman was the first merchant, around 1803. The Coonley hotel on the corner was built by Ezra Holley and Jotham Smith, and is quite old. The Bentley store was started in 1842 and operated by Mr. Bentley for

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many years, he being part of the time postmaster. There has been no manufacturing in Greenville village. It is one of the prettiest places in the county and has many handsome residences.

Greenville academy was incorporated in 1816, and the Rev. Beriah Hotchkin, Dr. Amos Botswick and Col. Augustine Prevost, and a number of others were among the incorporators. Sylvester Eaton was the first principal, and James V. D. Ayers, another instructor of note, was later at the head of the Catskill schools.

The Rev. Beriah Hotchkin, mentioned above, was the pioneer of the early church work, and he came from the settlements of New England and had the distinction of founding the first church west of the Hudson river north of Pennsylvania. His first sermon in Greenville was in Benjamin Spees barn, April 5, 1789, and it is likely that he came at the invitation of Col. Prevost. He was installed pastor in 1793. Later the building was used as a tavern and a new house of worship erected in 1801. The Rev. Beriah Hotchkin was pastor of the church until 1824. He died at Plattsburgh in 1829 at the age of 72 years.

Reuben Rundell, to whom we have referred, organized the Episcopal church in 1825, the site being donated by Major Prevost. The present structure was built in 1857. We are unable to say who was the first rector.

The Methodist church was organized in 1825 at West Greenville and the church cost about \$1,500. Later it was moved to Greenville village and in 1856 rededicated. This building was destroyed by fire in 1873, and the present handsome structure rose in 1874, having cost about \$10,000. About this time the writer was located at Greenville, and has pleasant recollections of the then pastor Rev. J. H. Phillips, Bradley S. McCabe, late member of assembly, Pierce Stevens, Alfred Steadman, Arch Stone, Hamilton McCabe and Reuben Gedney, who have passed to the church celestial. The Rev. J. B. Stead is pastor.

The Baptist church at Greenville Center was organized in 1793 and its communicants were scattered from New Baltimore to

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South Westerlo. Elder William Stewart was first pastor. He had a farm, and, aside from what he raised, received 3 pecks of buckwheat for his salary during one year. He died at the age of 90 years. The church was built in 1817. Among its pastors was the Rev. Mr. Bronk, who became a great revivalist. Among those who have stood well in the history of the church, we remember David Losee, Sherman Sanford, William Stevens, George Williamson and Russell Townsend, who have gone the way of the earthy.

Another old church of somewhat scattered denomination is the Christian at Freehold. Organized in 1812 by the Rev. Jasper Hazen. It is a model church and has prospered in its century of activity. One of its pastors, the Rev. John Spoor, is said to have baptized 15,000 persons, and to have married 1000, and attended 1500 funerals. He went to Freehold in 1819, and died in the harness in 1864.

The Methodist church at Old Greenville was built in 1812, and one of the early pastors was John Bangs, rated as one of the great preachers of the denomination.

The Norton Hill Methodist church was organized in 1873, and the Rev. John Wood was first pastor. The Rev. W. F. Albrecht during his pastorate was also principal of the Greenville Academy.

The Gayhead Baptist church was organized in 1853, and had as its first pastor the Rev. George Slater. Among the organized were Cyrastus Betts and Maria Betts, and many others of the same family name.

One of Greenville's foremost citizens was Alexander N. Bentley. Born at Westerlo in 1814 and he took possession of the corner store in 1856, and for 30 years was village postmaster. His wife was a daughter of Josiah Rundell, a pioneer of the town.

Another family intimately connected with the history of Greenville, the Stevens', and it was Reuben who first set foot in the town, after having turned his back on Catskill creek land at \$2.50 per acre. He died in 1804 and his son, Reuben, was a soldier in the Revolution. His son, Orrin C. Stevens, had 9 children, and the oldest of the family, James Stevens, known as Cap-

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tain Jim, served with distinction in the Civil war. He was supervisor of the town in 1874, and 1881-82 clerk of the board of supervisors. Samuel Stevens was killed at Petersburg in 1864.

Ebenezer Jennings moved to Freehold in 1809 and built a grist mill.

Henry Martin Snyder who settled near Freehold raised a family of 14 children, and ten of the boys served in the war of the Revolution.

Abel Wakeley served in the Revolutionary war and was located at West Point at the time of Arnold's treason.

The Rev. Jasper Hazen also organized the Christian church at Medway, the first of that denomination in the state of New York. That was in 1807, but no building was erected until 1832. And the church of the same denomination at New Baltimore was organized by him.

James M. Austin Lodge No. 557, F. & A. M. was organized with thirteen charter members in July, 1865, in the Bentley building, Greenville village. Its first officers were: John W. Hoffman, W. M., Electus Ramsdell, S. W.; Humphrey Wilber, J. W.; E. Wackerhagen, secretary, David Turner, treasurer; James Stevens, S. D.; B. F. Hisert, J. D.; Platt Coonley, tyler. It has had a prosperous career, its membership being reported at 90 on December 31, 1914, and it owns Masonic Hall, where meetings are held on the 2d and 4th Monday of each month. Two grand lodge officers have gone out from this lodge: R. W. William A. Wasson, district deputy grand master in 1892 and 1894, and R. W. John H. Sanford, district deputy master in 1911 and 1912. The lodge officers for 1914 were: Peter R. Stevens, W.M.; Wm. P. Seabridge, S. W.; Chauncey Spalding, J. W.; William S. Vanderbilt, treasurer; George L. Cook, secretary; Eugene Sisson, S. D.; John W. Story, J. D.; James L. Wheeler, tyler.

Successive W. M. have been: John W. Hoffman, John B. Teats, Darius Rundell, Albert Wilber, James Stevens, D.M. Wooster, Alfred Stedman, W. A. Wasson, John Roe, Arthur Hartt, Chas P. McCabe, George E. Smith, Albert W. Baker, E. L. Wood, John H. Sanford, Eugene Spalding, Jahleel L. Bogardus, John Lampman, Peter R. Stevens.

## Halcott



Earle W. Jenkins

This sturdy mountain town was originally a part of Woodstock, Ulster county, and is the smallest in acreage of any town in the county, having 11,122 acres, and the total assessed value of its property is about \$65,000.

In 1798 it was taken to form a part of the town of Windham, and in 1813 it was called New Goshen. This name gave way to Lexington, and was so known up to 1853, when Halcott was set off by itself, and named after George W. Halcott, son of Thomas Halcott of that town.

Emigrants from Connecticut were the first to make clearings for homes and farms in the forests of the section. The records are broken and scarce, and it was after 1800 before there were any settlers. Nathan Stanton and James Simmons were among the number around 1805, and then followed John P. Van Valkenburgh and his brother, Peter Van Valkenburgh, Jehoiachim Van Valkenburgh, Jacob Miller, Peter Vandenburgh, Nathan Covell, Joseph Brooks, Aaron Garrison, and others whose names we have not been able to note.

The long and honorable list of residents includes such names as among the later comers, John P. Van Valkenburgh, Buel Maben, John M. Todd, Benjamin Crosby, Isaac T. Moseman, William D. Ford, Rev. Daniel Van Valkenburgh, Nathaniel Ellis, Lawrence Brooks, Russell Peck, Silas Lake, Conger Avery.

Conger Avery was the first supervisor of the town, also postmaster.

Joseph B. Brooks in 1813 built the first frame house.

The first school was in a log house, in 1816, and Sally Kline is said to have been the teacher.



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The town of Halcott bonded in 1874 for \$10,000 for the purpose of assisting in the building of the Rondout and Oswego railroad, which was projected but never built. The bonds however were all paid, while the road was sold under mortgage.

Outside of farming Halcott has had few industries. There have been several saw mills, Fred Banker in 1824 erecting the first one.



The Morse Stores at Red Falls.

The first church organized in the town was in 1822, of Baptist denomination and Elder James Mead was the pastor up to 1856. The first meetings were held in private houses and it was not until 1847 that a church was erected. This church was abandoned later on and the meetings were held at the school house.

The Methodist church was organized in 1829, with the Rev. John P Van Valkenburgh as pastor, and it was not until 1849 that a church was built, the meetings being held in private houses and barns.

The principal village is Halcott Center. It is on the main road from West Kill to Griffin's Corners.

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The present supervisor of the town is Earle W. Jenkins, whose picture appears in connection with this article.

We are indebted to Mr. Jenkins for the picture of the beautiful grave yard at Halcott Center, which is one of the finest in the county.

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### Jewett



Fred Goslee

The first settler of Jewett is said to have been William Gass, who located on the East Kill in 1783. Later came Zaphaniah Chase, Chester Hull, the Andrews family, the Pecks, Johnstons. Henry Goslee, grandfather of Supervisor Fred Goslee, was one of the most prominent of the early residents, who represented the town officially a number of times. Laban Andrews built a grist mill in 1795, and also a saw mill. Zadock Pratt and his son, Zadock Pratt, were promoters of the first tannery. They also had a mill that was operated by horse power. The Andrew mills were wiped out by freshets. Ezra Pratt

had a tannery which was destroyed by fire.

Most of the early settlers came from Connecticut and were of Puritan stock. So far as we have been able to learn Jewett was the only portion of Greene county that ever was represented by a whipping post and stocks, a custom that was brought by the Congregationalists from Connecticut. The whipping post was located near the Presbyterian church. This institution of the old blue laws was used but once and then the whole apparatus was torn down and carried away by parties unknown. There were no clocks in that period, and the only method of getting the time was

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by sun dials, and those who had no dials made noon marks.

Jewett, like other towns of the county had the early academy fever, and an academy was built in 1818, with Professor Douglass as instructor. This building, which was 2 stories, was used also as a meeting place by the Methodists. It was finally torn down and the lumber put into another academy.



Old Stone House at Drummond Falls.

The Presbyterian church was early in the field, but the first building about 1800 was not finished and the present structure was erected in 1848. The Rev. Mr. Stimpson was first pastor and he later on became a missionary. The present pastor is James Hewett.

The Methodists built churches at Jewett Heights, at South Jewett and East Kill. We are unable to discover from the conference records that any of these churches have pastors at the present time. Local preachers have been in the habit of supplying them.

The Buel brothers had a saw mill and grist mill in 1800, and later on they put in machinery for carding wool. Then they added a great smithy with a trip hammer that was operated by water power.

## Lexington



Abram V Roraback

The town of Lexington was formed from Windham in 1813, and it was all of Great Lot 22 and part of 23. In 1777 it was owned by Robert Livingston, and he conveyed a portion of it to John Darling and the latter sold it to the Kipp family, who still reside on a portion of it.

Among the earliest residents of whom we have any mention are: John Maben, Samuel Peck, Derrick Schermerhorn, the Showers, Sopers, Hesses, and Bronsons, prior to 1800. A little later came the Van Valkenburghs, Faulkners, Rowleys, Petits, Barbers, Chamberlains and others.

John Maben settled in the town in 1777.

David Foster is referred to as a hero of the Revolution.

Another of the early settlers was Daniel Angle, and he came to this country with the Hessian troops and was among the number captured at the battle of Saratoga. He was in Burgoyne's army, but soon after capture re-enlisted in the Continental army, and later on he settled in Lexington. He died at the age of 107, and his grave is still pointed out on the Angle place. His son, Christopher Angle, saw service in 1812 at Plattsburgh. He was captain of the Lexington artillery company.

Henry Cline was also a Hessian soldier, and re-enlisted in the Continental army, settling at Lexington after the war.

Captain Aaron Bushnell, also a Revolutionary character built a tannery in 1830. He employed 60 men.

Later settlers in Lexington were John Roraback, A. H. Decker, James Deyo and John Bonsteel.

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Captain Monroe Van Valkenburgh, father of County Clerk George B. Van Valkenburgh, was an early settler, and reference to him will be found elsewhere in this book.

John Bray built the first tannery at Lexington in 1819, and he added a grist mill and a saw mill and did a great business.

Bruce Smith built a grist mill and a distillery in 1823.

The first woolen mill was erected by Derrick Schermerhorn and Richard Peck established the first inn.

Col. Zadock Pratt organized a military company at Lexington in 1820. This organization was continued up to the opening of the Civil War. It was then reorganized by James Munroe Van Valkenburgh, who was commissioned captain. Edwin Ford was 1st lieutenant.

The company formed a part of the 86th regiment. It was disbanded in 1872.

Eder Barnum is said to have been the first physician in the town.

The first settler in the West Kill section of the town was Jerome Van Valkenburgh, 1780.

William Dryer built a woolen factory, which was operated up to 1869 when a freshet carried it away.

Hiram Wheeler and Jacob Van Valkenburgh built a grist mill in 1847 and this was operated for many years.

Philo Bushnell also started a tannery, which was burned down later on, and rebuilt to the size of 300 feet. Iratus Bushnell later owned this property and built another one at Bushnellville.

The first supervisor of the town of Lexington was Henry Goslee, grandfather of the present supervisor of Jewett, Frederick M. Goslee.

The Methodist church of West Kill was organized in 1866.

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The Westkill Baptist Church was established in 1827, and here Elder Petit officiated for 30 years.

The old school Baptist church at Lexington was organized in 1790, and Thaddeus Bronson was the first pastor. Elder Hezekiah Petit was preaching in this church in 1801, and was for 50 years and more pastor of this congregation. The Petit family came from France, and Hannah Petit, a sister of Hezekiah Petit, married James Holdridge, father of George W. Holdridge of Catskill. Elder Petit preached most of the time without pay.

The New School Baptist church at Lexington was organized in 1870. Meetings were held in the arsenal of the town.

The Methodist church was organized in 1845 and the present pastor is Paul Ford.

The first school teacher was Sally Cline. The teachers at the present time may be found in the list of teachers of entire county elsewhere in this book.

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## Hunter



Thomas Seifferth, Jr.

The town of Hunter is part of a grant of land by Queen Anne, to Johannes Hardenburgh and six others in 1708, and this patent contained 1,500,000 acres and extended as far as Popaghtunk, Delaware county. Hunter comprised 5 lots of the patent, over 47,000 acres, assessed at a million and a quarter. It was formerly a part of Ulster county. It was taken from the town of Windham in 1813, the section being known as Greenland. The earliest settlers were the Haines family, Samuel, John,

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and Elisha, who came from Connecticut. were few settlers prior to 1800. Among the first comers were the Greenes, Goodsells, Lanes, Dibbels, Merrits, Baldwins, Showers, and Roggens. Bears, wolves and panthers ranged the woods and bounties as high as \$40 were paid for their capture. The first postoffice route was established by the Government in 1830, from Prattsville to Catskill, passing through Hunter and Lexington.

In 1851 Hunter had 151 persons liable for military duty and several early residents were in the war of 1812, Aaron Had-den, William Greene and Asa Lord being among the number.

Tanning and milling has given place to summer boarding, and the largest and finest houses in the county are to be found at Tannersville and Haines Falls. Tannersville is the Mecca of the city people in the summer.

The first supervisor of the town of Hunter was Daniel Bloomer, and the present supervisor is Thomas Seifferth, Jr.

Hunter village was founded by Col. William Edwards, and was called Edwardsville. The Colonel was born at Elizabethtown, N. J. in 1770. In 1818 he came to Greene county and settled at Hunter, where he established the New York Tannery, a plant that had a capital of \$60,000 and could tan 5000 hides a year. This tannery was destroyed by fire in 1830. Johnathan Palen of Catskill had another big tannery in the Clove and that place is said to have been the original Tannersville.

Hunter has been proverbial for excellent roads and Michael O'Hara of Tannersville is at the head of the county road system.

The town of Hunter industries have been lumbering, still going on, manufacture of chairs, and mountain souvenirs, C. O. Bicklemann and Burt Howard having been very successful. Mr. Bicklemann was also the finest photographer in the country.

One of the old landmarks still doing a fine business is the Roggen House, now Martin's hotel, C. A. Martin, proprietor. Tannersville has several of the largest stores in the county, and

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the largest garage, that of Robert Lackey on Main street. J. Frank Lackey has a large grocery business, John H. Gray garage and livery, Schryver & Webster livery, S. R. Hommell electrical store, Irving Goslee electrical store, Oscar Langer jewelery, O. H. Perry coal and lumber, Bert Baker plumbing, Mrs. A. Allen hardware, Lackey & Dibbel attorneys, F. R. Raensch notions, Owen Bowes plumbing, Haines Brothers meats, Fred Penrose cafe, M. Goldstein cafe, Jacob Fromer real estate, Fred Campbell blacksmith.



Main Street Tannersville, 1905, now built up.

The village officers of Tannersville are: President Robert Y. Hubbard, Trustee Louis P. Allen, Treasurer J. Frank Lackey, and Collector Clarence Fowler.

At the annual communication of Mt. Tabor Star Chapter No 284, O. E. S. the following officers were elected: Ella Joslyn, Worthy Matron; Peter Joslyn, Worthy Patron, Minnie L. Kerr, Associate Matron; Blanche Milner, Conductress; Annabelle Goodsell, Treasurer; Howard V. Vedder, Secretary; J. G. Edwards, Trustee.



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Hotel Martin, formerly Roggen Mt. Home.

At the annual election of the Lockwood Lodge No. 653, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected: N. G., R. G. Winters; V. G., John J. Kay; Secretary, George E. Sweet; Treasurer, Albert B. Taylor; Trustee, Charles Quick.

The following is the roster of officers of Hunter Fire Co. No. One: Pres. W. J. Decker, Vice-Pres. W. H. Ingalls, Rec. Sec. H. V. Vedder, Fin. Sec. Geo. P. Howard, Foreman A. B. Taylor, Asst. Foreman James Fromer.

The officers of the year of Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 are: Pres. C. M. Cartwright, Vice-Pres. Charles Shuman, Rec. Sec. C. A. Mooney, Fin. Sec. Benj. Sturtz, Treas. P. H. Conerty, Foreman V. S. Baldwin, 1st Asst. Foreman Benj. Sturtz, 2d Asst. Foreman Harry Smith.

In all Greene county there is no place that has built up more rapidly than Haines Falls, in the past twenty years. It isn't so long either back to the period when there were most Haines in

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that section. There were seven Haines families who joined lands all in a row, and one of the early residents was Christian Charles W. Haines, who conducted the Haines Falls House for a long period of years. He also owned the Falls that have ever since borne his name. He had the Falls fenced in and 30 years ago when the traveler wanted to see the mighty mountain cataract, he was conducted down a long stairway with many a caution about slipping, and then the water was turned on for the sum of 25 cents per visitor. This grand old man was regarded as one of the great men of his day. He died in 1903. The Haines Falls House was destroyed by a fire Nov. 17, 1911, that started in the kitchen. The loss was upwards of \$75,000. The place has not been rebuilt.

But we started to tell of the new buildings.

First mention should no doubt be given to the Twilight, Santa Cruz and Sunset Parks, where no less than 250 cottages have been erected, all commodious and artistic, and some of the houses worth many thousands of dollars.

Twilight Inn, property of the Park Association, is the finest of the large mountain hotels. It cost more than \$100,000. It has been in charge of L. P. Schutt the past two years. It was damaged by fire last summer at a loss of \$4500.

Sunset Inn is the most sightly, managed by Joseph Bryne, accommodates 100 guests and is modern in every way.

The Squirrel Inn is another fine structure.

Santa Cruz Inn is conducted by Mrs. French.

The Ledge End Inn is conducted by the Misses Albertson.

The park has a water system with 5 steel tanks, 50 feet in diameter and costing a large sum. They were built by E.A. Hueston.

Among the prominent men who own cottages in the park are E. E. Olcott of the Day Line, Gen. George F. Wingate, Bliss Carman, A. F. Husted of Coatsville, Pa., a wealthy steel manufacturer, Mrs. F.W. Picard, Prof. F. R. Hutton of Columbia College, Major W. H. Wiley, Robert Fulton, a descendant of Robert Fulton, who built the first steamboat navigated on the Hudson river,

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John G. Underhill, Mrs. A. C. Benedict, Raymond Gorges, Dr. W. N. Hubbard, Charles P. Hathaway, Dr. Lester M. Hubby, E. R. Crowe and most of the other cottages are the property of the association and are rented during the season to persons from New York and other cities.



Lox-Hurst, Haines Falls, C. A. Martin, propr.

General Geo. Wingate, president of the Twilight Rest Company, was the originator of the park company and built the Inn. His cottage is the finest in the park.

There are two handsome churches in the park. The All Angels Episcopal and the Union Chapel. Undenominational,

St. Mary's church is a fine edifice with stained glass windows, has parsonage adjoining and also a commodious hall built last summer.

The Methodist church has been rebuilt also.

Miss A. Ely, who conducts the Vista, has a block of fine stores.

Henry Smith and Company have an extensive livery business with fine buildings in the Park. They operate some 50 rigs in the summer, 2 autos and employ 18 men.

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Among the other houses that have been erected, the Antlers is the largest and probably worth \$75,000. On this road leading to the Mountain House are at least 75 houses, mostly new and a number of buildings.

E. E. Pelham has made a remarkable change at the top of Clove notch, and has spent \$25,000 on his big boarding house, with a garage 40x20 feet. Fred Pleham, his son, has just completed a handsome cottage overlooking the Clove.

C.A. Martin has expended \$30,000 on the Lox-Hurst, new cottage and enlargement of the house. Samuel E. Rusk has built the Claremont, a splendid summer house worth \$50,000.

The Vista adjoins, and Mrs. Ely, the proprietor, has built a block of stores. Rusk and Andrews have put up the largest theatre in the Catskills, known as the Wauwanda. Frank Smith has built a big store, and cottage. One of the improvements is the handsome depot of the U. & D. Ry. in the rear of the Lox-Hurst. The Renner Mountain Inn has been transformed like the palace of a dream and R. W. Renner, the proprietor, boasts a hostelry second to none in every way.

The property of the Haines Falls Coal and Lumber Company has all new buildings and is very valuable. This business was started by W. I. Hallenbeck, one of the grand men who has represented Greene county in many ways. The Fenmore owned by him is commodious and beautiful and he has completed a fine new cottage opposite.

The Polischners conduct a big garage near the corners, J. B. Myers has a fine grocery and general store.

S. E. Rusk has built a new postoffice building. The Falls has 700 population estimated, and during the summer about 6000. At that period, Postmaster Rusk informs us, that he handles 10,000 pieces of mail daily. Mr. Rusk was the man who negotiated the postoffice for Haines Falls and Samuel P. Schutt was the first postmaster. The building was 8x14 feet. The successive

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postmasters were S. E. Rusk, W. I. Hallenbeck, C. A. Martin, Albert Kerr, and from 1907 to 1914 S. E. Rusk, and now Herbert O'Hara. S. E. Rusk, in 1892 wrote the first money order, and the M. O. business now amounts to \$30,000 per year. Mr. Rusk built the Lox-Hurst in 1894 and the Claremont in 1905.

It may be interesting to know that the first postmaster in Tannersville was Bird Gray and that the office was located for years in the Layman house near the corners. This postoffice had a bar room, and a store and the principal articles of sale were powder and shot. At that time the postmasters had to send a way bill with the mail and that contained a list of the packages and letters as addressed.

The early industry was mostly getting out hemlock bark for the great tannery that was located in the Clove and that was the original Tannersville. Just at the top of the mountain was an old house that was destroyed by fire a number of years ago, and it was one of the first houses in the section.

We referred to Bird Gray as the first postmaster of Tannersville. Aaron Roggen succeeded him, then William Ellis, Michael Lackey and Charles Voss, who has held the office for many years.

The first deed of land in the Haines Falls section was to Aaron Haines and that was in 1847, up to that time the land had been leased or sold without deed. Charles W. Haines, a son of Aaron Haines built the Haines Falls House in 1864 and it was burned Nov. 17, 1911.

Prentiss Hallenbeck had a large boarding house near where the Antlers stands but that was burned and he lost everything.

The Laurel House, on property formerly and originally Peter Schutt's, father of L. P. Schutt of the Twilight Inn, is owned by Jacob Fromer and is one of the early houses. A. C. Inglesse, has been making a success of the house.

The Antlers is conducted by Simon Friedburgh.

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Charles Layman lost his life in fighting a fire near the Laurel House and on the spot a monument has been erected to his memory.

It is narrated of Peter Schutt that he drove a deer off the Red Rocks into the Clove, a distance of 250 feet and that on another occasion he drove a deer into the stream and over the falls which later on that account became known as Fawn's Leap.

We have a picture of the Old Tannery in the Clove from a drawing by the late Col. B.B. G. Stone, a Catskill artist who died at his home in Catskill. He made hundreds of pencil drawings of the mountain section in the 60's and also in the 80's. The Col. who had a fine war record, wore a long flowing beard, and was many times penciled and photographed as Rip Van Winkle.

Aaron Haines was the first settler and found his way from Connecticut following the mountain house trail on horseback.

Samuel E. Rusk, the present postmaster, has a wireless station, the only one in this section of the state, and takes messages from all along the Atlantic coast. He was a professor at the old Clauverack college, a historical institution now torn down; conducted the Bordentown, N. J. School and has been able to demonstrate that pictures can be taken through solid substances and in the dark.

Haines Falls has a public library in which much interest is taken.

Mount Tabor Lodge No. 807, Free and Accepted Masons, was instituted at Hunter in September, 1892, under a charter granted June 8, 1893. Its charter members were Dwight L. Burgess, Louis Mansfield, Warren Todd, Charles Lake, Willis Baldwin, J. Leipold, Frank Conerty, A. Traphagen, E. Myers, W. H. Mansfield, C. Traphagen, Horace Biddel, George Haner, William Bolles, George Ploss, H. Leaycraft, Wm. Ellis. It has produced two grand lodge officers: Dayton Slater, assistant grand lecturer, 1908-1909, and Peter Joslyn, assistant grand lecturer, 1914-1915. Regular communications are held Monday evenings in Slater Building, Hunter. The membership is 102. The officers for 1914 were: Frederick B. Wilcox, W.M.; Frank Barkley, S. W.; Geo. Miller, J. W.; Dayton Slater, treasurer; Arthur Baldwin, secre-

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tary: John Kay, chaplain, Fred Campbell, S. D.; Fred Schermerhorn, J. D.; Lewis Smith, S.M.C.; Ernest Graham, J.M.C.; James Fromer, Wesley Gripman, stewards, Wallace Burroughs, marshal; Howard Vedder, tyler.



WILLIAM B. MARTIN

William B. Martin, proprietor of the well known Martin's Hotel at Tannersville, was born in Lexington in 1856. His father was Frederick Van Orden Martin, a wagon ironer, who learned his trade at Catskill, being bound out as an apprentice. He died Jan. 2, 1895 at the age of 84 years. His wife was Elizabeth Saxe, and she was born at Saxton, and died in 1892, at the age of 77 years.

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William B. Martin was married to Louisa<sup>\*</sup> Van Valkenburgh of Rodout in 1877, and she died March 22, 1907. They had six children, George W. Martin, born in 1878, who was a graduate of Cornell law college, and who after practicing law for a time at Tannersville, was compelled on account of his health to go to Denver, Colorado, where he was quite successful, finally being compelled to returned to Tannersville with his family where he died in 1910. The other children were Robert Scott Martin and Catherine Maria Martin, now Mrs. Geo. Longyear of Red Hook, Frederick Van Orden Martin, Mary Louise Martin, and Elizabeth Martin.

Mr. Martin's second wife was Laura Edna Bach of West Saugerties, whom he married Nov. 23, 1914, and with whom he is now living.

Mr. Martin was for ten years operating a stage line between Lexington and Shandaken and also between Lexington and Hunter. In 1884 he purchased a hotel at Lexington, and in 1901 he purchased the Roggen House at Tannersville where he is now located and has greatly improved it, so that it is one of the finest hostleries on the mountains. This place one of the first inns in the town, was first conducted by Wm. Anthony, an anti renter, and then by Norman Gray about 60 years ago. His son, Bird Gray, a Southern sympathizer in the war period, was locked up in Fort Lafayette, and later was killed in an accident in the Clove, 1865. Samuel Mulford, former supervisor of Hunter, operated the hotel, also Frank B. Lament, ex-sheriff of Greene Co., who sold it to Aaron Roggen in 1867. He enlarged it and for 35 years ran it as Roggen's Mountain Home. He was a relative of Martin Van Buren, president of the United States, and ran a line of sloops from Albany to New York. He also dealt in whiskey, grain and flour and his old cash book and records are still in the possession of Mr. Martin, and they show consignments that would make the dealers of today sit up and take notice. For instance on April 24, 17, 1834, his sales were: whiskey \$7114, April 10, 200 bbls. of flour \$1062, May 6th, rye \$4270, flaxseed \$166, whiskey \$633 for 42 barrels, \$2188 for potash, barley \$2090, rye \$2255, 129 bbls. flour \$575, 10 tons peas \$100.



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### JACOB FROMER

Jacob Fromer, who has been one of the potent factors in the history and progress of the town of Hunter and Greene country, was born at Wittenburgh, Germany in 1848. He went to Hunter with his father, Daniel Fromer, in 1853. Few men have ever been more intimately connected with the welfare and interests of their own town than has Mr. Fromer. For he not only built a considerable portion of the town, cottages, stores, boarding houses, including such structures as the Laurel House of which he is still owner, but for 6 years he represented the town of Hunter in the Board of Supervisors, and succeeded in getting a largely reduced assessment for the town. He built no less than 10 iron bridges in the town, and was instrumental in bringing about the purchase of the toll roads and toll gates of the county. The Fromer store was the largest and best stocked store in the county, and his residence on Main street is the finest in Tannersville. He started the livery business now conducted by Schryver & Webster, organized the Tannersville Water Company, of which he is president, in 1901, and in 1902 organized Jacob Fromer Hose Company. He presented the company with the lot for their building, and a contribution of \$500 at their fairs is not unusual. He contributed largely to the building of the local churches, was owner of the Roggen House, gave the ground for the parsonage of the Methodist church. He contributed to the organization of the band at Tannersville, and has always been a liberal supporter of all local improvements. He is at present conducting a successful real estate and insurance business. He is a director of the Tannersville and Catskill railroad.

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### C. A. MARTIN

C. A. Martin of Haines Falls is one of the most successful boarding house keepers in the mountain section and his place is favorably known from one end of the country to the other. He purchased the Lox-Hurst in 1899, of Samuel E. Rusk, who built

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C. A. Martin

Within easy walk of Mr. Martin's place are the famous Kaaterskill Falls, and Haines Falls, two of the great cataracts of the mountain section, Fawn's Leap, Santa Cruz Falls, Profile Rock, Sunset Rock, a view of which is shown on this page, Twilight and Sunset Parks, Catskill Mt. House, Hotel Kaaterskill, and the wonderful North and South Lakes. Also the Otis Elevating Ry., which operates to the summit of the mountains.

the hotel, and has since built the Claremont adjoining. Upon this property he has spent \$25,000 in improvements, so that he has a summer] hotel that is modern in every way and accommodates over 100 guests. His place is usually well filled. Mr. Martin was born at Hunter and has taken an active interest in the affairs of the town as an individual and as an office holder elected by the people.

For 5 years he was postmaster at Haines Falls.

The Lox-Hurst is located near the great Clove Slide.



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Frank Layman was burned to death near the Laurel House in 1900, while attempting to put out a fire that threatened to burn the hotel property, and a monument has been erected to his memory.

The station of the Catskill Mt. Ry. was burned in 1915 and is now in process of being rebuilt.

### R. W. RENNER

R. W. Renner, familiarly known throughout Greene county as "Wally Renner," proprietor of Renner's Mountain Inn, located at the corners, Haines Falls, and formerly Hotel Hallenbeck, has been very largely influential in bringing this well known summer resort into prominence. He has made his hotel property very attractive, and has the reputation of catering to the tastes of the traveling public with a menu that is unexcelled. Travelers from every section aim to put up at Renner's.

Some idea of the beauty of Mr. Renner's hostelry may be had from the view which we present on this page showing the hotel property and the bridge and mountain stream that courses near the hotel affording fine fishing.





# MOUNT SYLVAN HOUSE

**Mrs. M. L. Tracey, Proprietress**

**Haines Falls, N. Y.**

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Terms \$8 to \$15 per week. Transient Rates \$2 per day.

Accommodations for 40 guests.

Electric Lights, Bath and Modern Conveniences.

Central to all points of interest.

Pure spring water. Ample shade.



# THE KENWOOD

HAINES FALLS, N. Y.

ELMER E. PELHAM, Propr.

Open from June 1 to October 20.

Delightfully Located at Elevation of 2,000 feet at the head of the famous Kaaterskill Clove.

House Lighted by Gas. Up-to-date Sanitary Arrangements.  
In the midst of the most important points of interest in the Catskill Mountains.

'Bus meets all trains.

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## Lox-Hurst and Cottage

Haines Falls, N. Y.

C. A. MARTIN, - Proprietor

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On a Commanding Elevation at the head of Kaaterskill Clove

Hot and cold water baths and modern conveniences.

Central to all points. House bus meets all trains;

## New Baltimore



Dale S. Baldwin

New Baltimore was originally a part of the district of Cossackie, and it was not until 1911 that it was set apart as a township. The original occupants of the town were Indians. The town comprises 24,189 acres and the valuation is about an even million dollars. The records of the town previous to 1854 have been lost.

The first settlers were the Van Slykes, Van Derzees, Hotalings, Garrets, Millers, Greenes, Powells, Wheelers, Smiths, Bedells, Searles, Hotalings, Vandepoels and Van Ordens. Many of these were Quakers and they set up a standard of worship that still remains, and the gener-

ations of the early family are among the first citizens of New Baltimore. Most of these early families settled in the district in the period just preceding 1800, about 1790. The old Van Bergen mill of which we present a picture elsewhere was probably the first grist mill in the county, and was erected by Peter Van Bergen, 1780.

The writer landed at New Baltimore Station and in company with mail being delivered by Uncle Sam, a big box of millinery and a very mysterious package weighing 100 pounds the contents of which were not indicated passed, slowly in the one horse rig to the heart of New Baltimore's great business center. We have to thank a number of people here for the information that we received. People of New Baltimore live long and well and die happy unless the records are misleading. From 1903 to 1914 according to the records 55 persons died in that town, and 42 of the deaths were people over 80 years of age. 9 were over 90 and

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one person 105 years of age. That was Mary Van Derzee. She died in 1907, and was born in 1802, being without doubt the oldest person in the county. This entire list of deaths will be found a little further on. We are indebted to Stephen A. Burlingham for much of the information we received.

Charles Titus, a Hicksite and Quaker preacher, built a mill near Medway in 1818 and many other mills followed for sawing lumber. Men named Dodge, Coney, Delamater and Van Bergen built mills.

Formerly a large amount of shipping was done from New Baltimore village and it was not an unusual sight to see lines of teams and loads of straw reaching from the landing to the top of the hill and for half a mile. With the burning of the big store house of Andrew Vanderpoel this business was lost.



New Baltimore in 1915 from River

In 1815 Paul Sherman started the building of boats for river traffic and that resulted in the great ship yard that has since been supplying substantial sailboats, tugboats, and larger steamboats. Around 1850 John Burlingham, an uncle of the informant, and William Wheat took the business and they built a number of annex ferry boats that were used in New York harbor, as well as the first double deck barges. Then Goldsmith and Teneyck

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got the business and they let it run down. Then J. R. and H. S. Baldwin purchased the business and commenced to make yessels that were staunch in every way. William H. Baldwin, the present proprietor went to work for them and grew up in the business. He purchased it in 1879 and has spent a fortune in adding every improvement known to the shop builder's art. Great ways, heavy hoisting and lifting apparatus, steaming apparatus, saw and tram-ways and material and tools of every sort, has made the yard perfect. Forty three years this faithful builder of barges, steamboats and pleasure yachts has turned the lock of his office door.

His son, Dale S. Baldwin, now supervisor of the town, is associated with him in the business.

From the river New Baltimore well displays its well kept residences, its splendid brick school building, a hose hose that is a credit to the donor, Mr. Cornell, after whom the company is named, and to the village as well; a number of large hotels of which two are in operation, and three prosperous churches.

The oldest of these churches is the Reformed. This organization dates to 1823, but the name of the first pastor does not appear to be known. The Rev. Staats Van Santvoord held services at New Baltimore and Coeymans in 1833. The Rev. W. R. Torrens is the present pastor.

The Baptist church was organized in 1868, by the Rev. Foster Hartwell and Rev. A. B. Palmatier. First worship was in the school house and in 1780 a church costing \$4000 was built. The Rev. G. D. Merry is the present pastor.

The Methodist church was built in 1856 and later on remodeled at a cost of \$8000, and among the contributors was the Rev. James A. H. Cornell, pastor of the Reformed church who later on built the fine hose house of Cornell fire company. The early records of the church were lost. In 1876 John Crawford was pastor and the present minister is Rev. J. E. Parker.

The Quakers as early as 1803 built a church at Stanton Hill and the Bedells and Halsteds were the chief backers of this organization.

The Rev. Ebenezer Wicks started the Baptist church at Grapeville, and the Palmers of that section were among its many communicants.



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The Methodist Church at Medway was built in 1832. However there were no early records kept. We are informed that the Smiths, Garrets, and Van Derzees were early and later supporters.

The old Methodist church and school house annex have been altered and John Wagner owns and occupies the church property and Bertha Parsons the school house.

New Baltimore has a number of prosperous social organizations:

Social Friendship Masonic Lodge 741, was organized in 1874. Barney Gardenier is at the head of this organization as worship master.

The Odd Fellows organization has discontinued.

The graded school to which we referred has at its head as principal H. B. Ostrander, Miss Alice Biglake, intermediate, Miss Alida Mulder primary.

Cornell Hose Company occupies a fine large building on the site of its old house destroyed by fire. William Henry Baldwin is president of the organization, Richard Chapman foreman, William Mortimer secretary and William R. Gay, sec.

The school trustees are Dr. G. Waller, Martinus Mulder, and Byron Mansfield.

Dale S. Baldwin is supervisor of the town and L. G. Nelson clerk.

Social Friendship Lodge No. 741, Free and Accepted Masons, New Baltimore, was constituted July 9, 1874, under a charter issued June 5 previous, with the following charter members: Robert H. Bronk, Isaac Burns, James H. Case, John Colvin, Edwin S. Colburn, John A. Davis, Dewitt A. Fuller, Anthony H. Holmes, Benjamin Hotaling, John Hotaling, Jacob B. Holmes, George H. Jackson, L. A. Marshall, James Miller, Stephen Mead, Horace Rennie, George Smith, Stephen Springstead. A.V.S. Van Derpoel, A. J. Van Derpoel, Ira Willson. Its past masters have been the following: Anthony Holmes, John Colvin, Augustus Sherman, Sam. Colvin, Jacob Carthart, Warren Wolf, L. Colvin, William Gay, William Fuller, Howard Lomax, Wessel Van Orden, Byron Mansfield, Martienus Mulder, Jacob Van Fleet, Eugene Wolfe, Barney Gardenier. The present worshipful master is Dale S. Baldwin. The membership is 64, and regular communications are held on the first and third Fridays of each month.

## Prattsville



Elmer Krieger

Prattsville was named after Col. Zadock Pratt, and the territory, something over 1300 acres valued at \$250,000 was taken from the town of Windham in 1833, and it is one of the most picturesque in the county, with a splendid stream, the Bataviakill splitting the town in half. Just below the beautiful village of Prattsville is located the great Devasego Falls, one of the most notable waterfalls in the county, and which has made the town famous as a boarding section.

Prattsville village will be seen from the picture taken in 1843 is located in a fertile valley with model surroundings. The home of the

greatest man that the country ever produced, and who gave to the county the great tanning industry, and whose lasting monuments are to be seen in the world-wide pictured rocks bearing the names of many of the Pratt family. [See sketch on page 146.] Like many of the other towns Prattsville had a greater population in 1800 than it has in 1915, and unless all sign fail the building of the great water plant which is to supply New York City will in the course of the next few years cause the inundation of a considerable portion of the town, and lose to it practically all of the population now remaining. Prattsville had 1115 residents in 1800 and 713 according to the last census.

Prattsville was settled by early comers from the Schoharie valley, and on the valley flats at Prattsville was fought an engagement of some importance between the settlers and the Tories and Indians, headed by a British officer, named Captain Smith, who was shot and killed and whose remains buried near the creek were washed away in later years during a freshet. These early settlers came from Germany in 1710, and it took them two years



View of Prattsville in 1851, from an Old Print Preserved by Supervisor Elmer Krieger.

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to reach the Hudson river, after a great many had died on the way. They proceeded up the Hudson to Albany and thence found their way by Indian trail to the valley of the Schoharie.

The Laraways, Van Alstyns, Van Loans, Deckers, Shoemakers, Derricks, Austins, Distins, Atwaters, Tompkins, Brاندows, Mores and others were among the early comers, and these families many of them are still in that section.

The first supervisor of the town was Hezekiah Dickerman in 1833, and the present supervisor, honored year after year, is Elmer Krieger. Zadock Pratt was supervisor in 1863, and Omar V. Sage, now of Catskill, was supervisor in 1861.

Prattsville has produced many men who have stood well in the history of the county, and among them were Daniel C. Scudder, F. James Fitch, Henry Chatfield, Burton G. Morss, Hiram Cronk, Hiram Boughton, and others whose names we may have omitted.

Col. Pratt contributed very largely the money that was used to build the academy at Prattsville.

The first school was in log house near the Pratt rocks.

The Reformed Dutch was the first church, and that was organized in 1802, with the Rev. Lapaugh as preacher. The present church was erected in 1834.

The Methodist church was organized in 1823 and the first church built in 1834, with Thomas S. Barrett as preacher. Durham was in the preaching circuit. Col. Pratt gave most of the money to build these churches.

The Protestant Episcopal church was organized in 1833, Prattsville, Windham and Hobart being the preaching circuit. Zadock Pratt was a warden of this church.

This church cost about \$2000 and Mary E. Pratt gave \$500. The first president of Prattsville village was Dr. Thomas Fitch. The Prattsville bank was organized in 1843, with a capital stock of \$272,266. It went out of business in 1852.

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Prattsville was the home of the great tanneries and Zadock Pratt their promoter, the town being at that time Windham.

The first tannery however and a grist mill and saw mill was operated at Devasego falls by Thomas Bell, who disappeared from Prattsville and was captured and hanged as a pirate. The mill property was destroyed by fire in 1825.

The view which we present of Prattsville shows the great Pratt tannery which discontinued operations in 1845.

Further reference to this industry will be found in the sketch of the life of Col. Pratt on pages 146-149.

The first physician at Prattsville was Dr. Smith, 1790, followed in 1800 by Dr. Curtis, and in 1825 by Dr. Benham, the later being largely responsible for the arrest and conviction of John Kelly who murdered Lucretia Lewis at Prattsville, and who was hanged at Catskill in 1847.

Burton G. Morse, next in line of Prattsville's great men, was born at Windham in 1810. His grandfather Asa Morse had a family of 14 children, and the oldest son, Foster, was the father of Burton G. He had tanneries at Red Falls, Windhand, Ashland, Carbondale and a grist mill on White Brook, a foundry at Red Falls, and also a cotton factory. These buildings cost \$20,000 and the machinery \$50,000. The dam which had a head of 32 feet cost \$6000. He had 11 grist mills, one at Hobart being twice burned, his plow factory was burned, and in the great freshet of 1869 he lost all his milling property at Red Falls, Hobart, Gilboa, and Schenevus, valued at \$100,000. Two tanneries, foundry and one grist mill were burned at a loss of \$53,000.

He was supervisor of Prattsville, 1869 to 1878 and assemblyman 1876.

Elmer Krieger stands third among the important men of Prattsville, and has represented that town in the board of supervisors since 1883. See sketch on page

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Work is now proceeding at Prattsville on the great dam, which will be 150 feet high and wipe out 40 large farms in addition to the entire village of Prattsville. The famous Pratt farm and its pictured rocks, the Platner farm, with its \$20,000 barns, Sheriff Churchill's farm, Sheriff Conine's farm, Higgin's farm, the Hull farm, the Devasego Falls House and other big boarding houses, 3 schools, 2 creameries, 7 stores, 4 churches, 3 hotels, 3 cemeteries, foundry, and 100 residences will go to make room for the great reservoir. The mountain will be tunneled to get the water to the Ulster county water shed. The work is estimated to take 8 years.

Aurora Lodge F. & A. M. was organized in 1827 with Thomas Benham, W.M.; Sidney Lovejoy, S. W.; C. K. Benham, J.W. But its existence was very brief, public feeling at that time being too anti-masonic, so that it did not outlast the year.

Oasis Lodge No. 119, F. & A. M. was instituted June 5, 1847, with Cornelius K. Benham, W. M.; Matthew C. Boughton, S.W.; Robert Scanling, J.W. There is no record of other officers or charter members. This lodge has prospered. It occupies its own building, where communications are held on the 2d and 4th Tuesday of each month. Its membership December 31, 1914, was 73.

The officers for 1914 were: Austin Hummell, W. M.; Edwin A. Alberti, S. W.; Willis Lutz, J.W.; Dwight Conine, treasurer, Albert Newcomb, secretary; Orville Hummel, S. D.; Edwin Moore, J. D.; Claude White, chaplain; Fred. Will, S. M. C.; Franklin Marquit, J.M.C.; James C. McWilliams; marshall; Dewitt Chase, tyler.

Its succeeding worshipful masters have been: C. K. Benham, James Gregory, G. S. Cotton, E. P. More, A. P. Myers, Theodore Rudolph, Cornelius Platner, Wm. F. Fenn, Sidney Crowell, James McWilliams, Albert Clark, Albert Newcomb, J. H. Chatfield, M. G. Marsh, A. S. Cammer, James Richtmyer, Dewitt Chase, Charles Rose, E. A. Alberti, Claud V. White, Gould Griffin, Austin Hummell.

## Windham



Dr. Sidney L. Ford

Windham was formerly a part of Woodstock, Ulster county, and is one of the most prosperous of the mountain towns. It has many splendid and well tilled farms, and a great many prosperous boarding houses. While there are few of the early industries that remain there are evidences of thrift everywhere. In manufacturing there is nothing left. Farming and the entainment of summer guests who desert the city for the pure air are the chief occupations.

Windham has always stood at the front in furnishing strong men who have occupied high positions in state and county affairs. Washington Hunt and Lucius Robinson of Windham were both governors of the state. Rufus King and Zadock Pratt were members of congress, Lyons Tuttle, William Steele and Hon. C.E. Bloodgood were state senators, and Edward M. Cole was member of assembly.

A great many of the prominent men of Catskill, New York City and other places have gone out of Windham. Josiah Tallmadge to be county judge for a long term of years, Cyrus E. Bloodgood to be county clerk, and a great many lawyers, among whom are Frank H. Osborn, Judge Chase, Leonard B. Cornell and others.

For many years Windham has been the temperance stronghold of Greene county. Strange to say the early industries of Windham included a distillery operated by Bennett Osborn and another the property of William Tuttle, 1822 to 1830. Windham whiskey was regarded as better than the Blue Grass kind. The most important industry was tanning, and Zadock Pratt,

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Samuel Reynolds, Clark Twist, Friend Holcomb, Tertius Graham, Bennett Osborn, Abijah Stone, Col. George Robinson operated tanneries.

Jared Matthews conducted a button factory.

Jared Matthews in 1822 manufactured shaving boxes and later a carding mill and saw mill.

Hunt and Matthews operated a collar factory.

Matthews and Hunt made harness to supply the New York city trade. William Tuttle ran an ashery and distillery.

Morse and Newbury manufactured printing presses.

Bennett Osborn and Abijah Stone operated a grist mill.

Bennett Osborn was the first postmaster at Windham, being commissioned by Andrew Jackson.

The first settlement was at Osbornville, now Windham, but the Osborns are still there in force, and George Osborn at Brook Lynne, better known now as Brooklyn, has one of the largest and most successful boarding house interests in the Catskills.

Back in 1822 Asa Osborn represented the town as its supervisor, and Merritt Osborn, 1847, Barnard Osborn 1864, M. C. Osborn 1879 and George Osborn 1905, represented the town in the Board of Supervisors.

Noble P. Cowles, John Olney, Erastus Peck, Cyrus E. Bloodgood, are among the Windham men who have become notable characters in the county's history.

There was Captain Robinson who in 1812 volunteered and his personality was so great that he took his company almost to a with him.

David Lamoreau settled at Windham in 1817, and raised a family of 11 children in a log house.

Solomon Munson came to Windham in 1802, and he was killed building a frame building to take the place of a log house.

Silas Lewis was the first of that family and he erected a grist mill.

George Stimson settled in the Batavia valley in 1785.



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Eleazer Miller, Elias Clark, and Cornelius Fuller were early settlers, and the latter kept an inn, 1812. He had 8 sons and 8 daughters, all of whom lived to raise families. At Fuller's tavern religious services were held every Sunday, and there was a pulpit erected in one of the rooms for religious purposes. Mr. Fuller is said to have been very kind and benevolent.

Lemuel Hitchcock settled near Big Hollow in 1785 and raised a family of 10 children, all in a little log house.

Abel Holcom from Granby, Ct., located at Jewett, 1820 and built a saw mill, a brick yard, a tannery and established a store. Col. Pratt started the tannery business.

Eli Robinson, father of Governor Robinson built a log house around 1800.

Sanford Hunt, father of Governor Hunt, manufactured potash.

Ambrose Chapman, 1820, started a chair factory and made hand hay rakes.

Isaac Payne built a saw mill, 1810, Lemuel Anson started a paper mill, 1850, Jared Clark built a saw mill, Roswell Bump, 1810 raised a family of 9 boys and 4 girls in a log house at Windham. Decon Elam Finch organized the West Durham Presbyterian church and brought up a family of 11 children.

These sturdy pioneers of the stirring early town lived long and were happy and full of religious zeal. They died at 80 and 90 and raised families of from 8 to 14 persons. There were no child's welfare clubs, no eugenics, no great health boards and rules of hygiene, no fly swatters, and no tabooing of water cups, but they lived, all of them and the inference that health comes unsought under the proper surroundings may be had. Men worked, and women also. Their food was simple and their hardships many, and the secret of most of the healthy children is that there were no nursing bottles and the mother raised her offspring.

Bennett Osborn had a grist mill at Windham in 1810, a

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tannery in 1823. Henry Osborn later erected the building that became the Methodist church, and for a time ran a newspaper called the Centennial 1867. Bennett Osborn was postmaster.

The Big Hollow Presbyterian church was started in 1822.

The Windham Presbyterian church was established in 1834.

The Methodist Episcopal church was organized in 1843.

The Episcopal Mission in 1850.

The Free Methodist church at Big Hollow in 1871.

The Hensonville Methodist church in 1874.

The Windham Journal was started in 1857 by William R. Steele. Edward M. Cole, published the paper up to the time of his death in 1915.

Windham was visited by a most destructive freshet in 1870.

Colonel George Robertson was one of the most prominent men that Windham has produced. He was born in 1805, and was one of a family of ten children. His father was also a Colonel. He was born at Troy and moving to Windham opened a temperance hotel, the first in the country. Col. George Robertson operated a tannery, and a saw mill. When his tannery was burned in 1853, in the space of six days he performed the greatest building feat that has been known. Timber was cut from the woods, and a building 40x210 and 3 stories in height, main part, with addition 21x120 feet, was erected and ready for use. There is nothing to equal this even today with greater facilities at hand.

Free Masonry gained an early foothold in Windham, where Revival Lodge No. 117, F. & A. M. was instituted in 1804 by these eminent grand lodge officers present: R. W. Jacob Morton, G. M.; Martin Hoffman, D. G. M.; C. Colden, S. G. W.; Daniel D. Tompkins, grand secretary; Philip S. Van Rensselaer, J. G. W. The lodge was organized at the house of John Tuttle, at Batavia, and its first officers were: Samuel Gunn W. M., Thos. Benham S. W., George Robertson J. W. There were 87 members, all early settlers of Windham and vicinity. A prize possession of the lodge, still in the custody of Mountain Lodge, its successor,

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is a set of jewels, regarding which the record reads:

“Memorandum under date of April 22d, 1805. Donation of the jewels by Constant A. Andrews to the lodge. But if it should so appear that this lodge, No. 117, should lose its charter or warrant, the said jewels, or the amount of them, which is twenty-two dollars, shall revert back to the said Andrews or his heirs or assignees.”

The charter of the lodge was surrendered, however, and on the 3d of February, 1807, Harmony Mark Master Lodge No. 31, F. & A. M. was organized with Constant A. Andrews W. M., George Stimson S. W., Thomas Benham J. W. This probably existed some years but finally went out of record.

Mountain Lodge No. 529, F. & A. M. was organized in October, 1862, and its charter received June 8, 1863. Its first officers were: C. V. Barnett W. M., Milo Osborn S. W., A. Newbury J. W., B. B. Osborn secretary, J. S. Miller treasurer. There were eight charter members. From this time regular communications have been held, and the lodge has grown to a membership of 108, and it owns the building it occupies, known as Masonic Hall. The officers for 1914 were: Charles R. Jennings W. M., Cyrus R. Tibbals S. W., W. S. Cammer J. W., Irving Brockett treasurer, Arthur Roach secretary, Hylie D. Ratcliff S. D., Harold Hitchcock J. D., Lewis Munson S. M. C., Rev. J. Markarian chaplain, George W. Osborn marshal, Wilber M. Sanford, Oswel R. Coe stewards, Sanford J. Osborn tyler, Levi W. Bloodgood, George R. Winchell, Irving Brockett, trustees.

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### BENJAMIN I. TALLMADGE

Benj. I Tallmadge, born at New Baltimore, Greene county, New York, November 1st, 1869, the son of Thomas D. and Helen M. Tallmadge. Was educated in the common schools of New Baltimore and by private study at Albany, Oneonta and Windham. Studied law in the office of his brother, Hon. Josiah C. Tallmadge, and was admitted to bar February, 1893, entered into

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a co-partnership with his brother at Windham under firm name of J. C. & B. I. Tallmadge, which firm existed until the removal of Josiah C. Tallmadge to Catskill in 1897, and from that time he has continued the practice of law alone at Windham.



BENJAMIN I. TALLMADGE

He was married on December 24th, 1895 to Rose B. Graham, the daughter of Lucius S. Graham of Windham, and three children were born of this marriage: Dorothy M., born May 26th, 1897, Helen R., born Nov. 27th, 1899 and Marjorie G., born June 25th, 1906. His wife, Rose B. Tallmadge, died on the 9th day of November, 1913.

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He has been President of the Board of Education of Windham High School and is now Secretary of that Board; is President of the Windham Elgin Creamery Company of Windham, is Secretary and Treasurer of Windham Village Water Company, past President of Windham Hose Company, Past Master of Mountain Lodge No. 529 F. & A. M., Past High Priest of Mountain Chapter No. 250, R. A. M.; is a member of Rondout Commandery No. 52 and of Cypress temple A. A. O. M. S.



BURDETTE G. DEWELL

Burdette G. Dewell, Chairman of the Board of Equalization Commissioners of Greene County, appointed December, 1914. A prominent resident of Windham and one of the Democratic leaders of that town. Born at Jewett, Greene County, New York, Sept. 2nd, 1874.

Was at one time a member of the Board of Education of Windham High School, is a member of Mountain Lodge No. 529, F. & A. M., of Mountain Chapter No. 250 R. A. M., of Rondout Commandery No. 52, and of Cypress Temple A. A. O. M. S.

He is a member of the firm of Dewell & Moore, the proprietors of the popular Windham Garage.



St. Patrick's Church, Academy and Parochial School.

### St. Patrick's Church, Catskill

Something over thirty years ago the venerated Father O'Driscoll laid down his burden as pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Catskill. He had labored zealously and well in guiding the little flock entrusted to him and never flinched before the obstacles that constantly crossed his path.

These duties were taken up by the late lamented Rev Wm. Finneran who in frail body brought an amount of energy not often found. At once he turned his attention to the general uplifting of his people. With an undaunted purpose in mind, he showed them the necessity of raising to the living God, a temple more worthy of their Faith. Although there was only a small amount in the Church treasury, he laid the foundation of the new St. Patrick's Church and with unflagging efforts in every direction, succeeding in raising the present structure.

Ever anxious about the lambs of the flock, he spared no pains in gathering the children for instruction in their holy religion. And as religion and science go hand in hand, he never ceased to advise the young to grasp every opportunity to increase their store of knowledge. In May 1890, circumstances led him to consider seriously the idea of a parochial school. Hitherto he had put it aside as he dreaded the debt which such a step would entail. But once the necessity showed itself, no difficulty was too great to be surmounted. It did indeed increase the church debt, but the school was built. In September 1890, it was opened for the children of the parish. With accustomed foresight the reverend Pastor provided for the various grades of pupils and within a year and a half had the school chartered by the University of the State of New York.

To provide for the course of study, the good Father took upon himself the instruction in Latin, made proper provision for science equipment and with his own books, formed the nucleus of the library. The first pupil was graduated with a State regents diploma in 1894 and that requirement has continued the standard for graduation until the present time.

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In 1896, the Church of the Sacred Heart was built in Cairo to accommodate the summer visitors and has been always well attended from Catskill. The addition of the village of Athens in 1897 required an assistant priest and Rev. Wm. H. White ably aided in the work of the sacred ministry.

The members of the congregation not being blessed with the goods of the earth in abundance, it was apparent that many sacrifices must have been entailed in supporting their pastor in his strenuous labors.

Father Finneran succumbed to an attack of pneumonia in April, 1900, and faithful soldier of Christ as he was, he calmly laid aside all his work at the Master's call. His memory is held in reverence by all who knew him and all the people of the village irrespective of religious opinions, mourned his loss.

But the work went on and was ably taken up by the present Pastor, Rev. Wm. P. Fitzgerald. Gradually without noise or bustle he swiftly lifted each thread of the church concerns and has since carried them on unostentaciously but firmly. The accumulated floating debt was cleared away and not withstanding many dubious headshakings, the school expenses were promptly met and cleared. No less than his predecessor does he labor for results and a high standard.

Contenting himself for several years with the poorest parish house in the diocese, in 1903 Father Fitzgerald built the fine rectory adjoining the Church. Feeling that the Church property was not complete without a convent, he was on the alert for a suitable site or building. Two years later, the Olney house was purchased and has since been the Sister's home.

During the same time St. Patrick's Church has been frescoed, three magnificent marble altars have been set in place, together with various other decorations and appurtenances which go to complete a handsome church edifice.

In 1907, the Papal Delegate, now Cardinal Falconio, paid a visit to the Church and school. The pupils, in simple regalia



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and bearing appropriate banners, formed in line, met His Excellency and escorted him to the Church where he held a reception for the people. In no unstinted terms, he praised the simple but beautiful reception and congratulated Father Fitzgerald on his care of the parish.

At the opening of the famous "Old Home Week" of Catskill, the Father Fitzgerald had the beautiful monument to memory of Father Finneran unveiled, forming a fitting prelude to the ensuing week of exercises commemorate of "other days."

The out-missions have claimed much time and attention. Athens now glories in having one of the best appointed country churches in the state. It now stands central in the village and is the pride of the Catholics of Athens.

The people of Cementon have also built a commodious basement of concrete which can be easily enlarged as soon as its needs make it evident.

The last two years have witnessed a noticeable diminution of the church debt. The co-operation of Pastor and people have brought these material results, but the great bond is the spiritual one which unites them, heart and soul in endeavoring to further the interests of the Divine Master. A purpose tried in the furnace of opposition on one hand, and sacrifices on the other has been theirs and they will hold to it faithful and unwavering until called to lay down their arms and receive their reward.

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## The Catskill National Bank

The Catskill National Bank is one of the oldest banks in the United States. Chartered in 1813 as the Catskill Bank, it entered the National Bank System under the National Bank Act, as The Catskill National Bank, and has steadily gained in strength and influence. Through all the years of its existence as a Bank it has proved a bulwark of security to its depositors, and to its stockholders it has paid generous dividends and profits.

The Catskill National Bank has always been closely identi-



Catskill National Bank.

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fied with the interests of the territory served by it, and it affords every facility and accommodation for the prompt and systematic conduct of business. This bank is a member of the new Federal Reserve System, and as correspondent, or depository there is no better, safer, more satisfactory bank in this section today than the Catskill National Bank. It is essentially a Commercial Bank—alive to the requirements and necessities of its customers and their business, and accustomed to give to the smallest detail that care and attention which should recommend it to the small as well as large depositor.

Its present commodious and beautiful banking room was completed and occupied in 1911 following extensive alterations in the Bank Building, at which time new burglar and fire proof vaults and safe Deposit boxes were installed, and fully equipped with the most modern appliances for safety, which are claimed to be the most elaborate example of steel vault construction between Albany and New York—and are absolutely fire, burglar and mob proof.

Its Presidents have been since entering the National Bank System, Rufus H. King 1865-1868, Addison P. Jones 1868-1871, Isaac Pruyn 1871-1903, James P. Philip 1903 to date.

The records show but three secretaries to the Board of Directors viz John H. Bagley elected July 19, 1869, Thomas E. Ferrier elected Jan. 12, 1876, P. Gardner Coffin elected February 16, 1903.

The present Officers and Directors are James P. Philip President, Judson A. Betts Vice Pres., P. Gardner Coffin Cashier, John H. Story Asst. Cash., Omar V. Sage, Robert F. Story, Josiah C. Tallmadge, Percival Goldin, Samuel C. Hopkins, George W. Holdridge, Herman C. Cowen, Harmon P. Pettingill.

The officers and directors of The Catskill National Bank have always been men of influence and standing in their community, and in them the depositors of the bank have reposed confidence, and to them they have looked for advice and direction in financial matters.

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The prosperity of a bank is closely allied to the prosperity of the community it serves, and The Catskill National Bank which has served the community and its depositors so many years in loyalty and sincerity has, in addition to its honorable record, the following guarantee fund to safeguard the funds of its depositors.

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Capital                | \$150,000.00 |
| Stockholders Liability | 150,000.00   |
| Surplus and Profits    | 125,000.00   |
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| Total                  | \$425,000.00 |

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### JAMES P. PHILIP

James P. Philip was born in the Village of Catskill and is a son of the late Jacob S. Philip M. D., the well beloved Homeopathic physician of local fame. He was educated at the Catskill Academy and graduated from Rutgers College with honor in 1882 as President of his class, receiving an appointment to Phi Beta Kappa for scholarship and in 1885 his Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts.

He was admitted to the New York bar in 1886, having pursued his legal studies at the Albany Law School from which institution he graduated as President of the class of 1886.

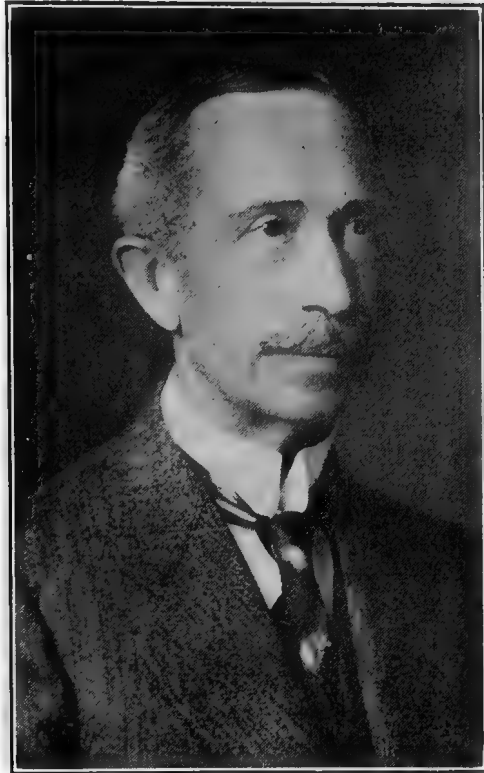
Mr. Philip began the practice of law in New York City in connection with the Title Guarantee and Trust Company and subsequently moved to the then City of Brooklyn where he successfully continued the practice of law until his return to his native town in 1903 when he assumed the Presidency of the Catskill National Bank, which position he now occupies.

Mr. Philip has never sought political preferment, although active in his party affiliation, but has given of his time and means to advancing and developing the varied interests of his Town and County. At various times he has been a director or officer in The Catskill Building and Loan Association, Catskill Foundry and Machine Shop, Catskill Chamber of Commerce, The Hudson River

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Ice Company, The Catskill Mountain Railway Company, Catskill Young Men's Christian Association, and the Catskill National Bank.



JAMES P. PHILIP

Mr. Philip is a 32 degree Mason, a member of Catskill Lodge F. & A. M., No. 468, The Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn, The Chi Psi Fraternity, Long Island Country Club, The University Club of Brooklyn, The Universities Club of London, England, Catskill Rip Van Winkle Club, President of the Republican Club of Greene County, and Life Member of The National Geographical Society of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Philip married Sarah Louise Pruyn June 15th, 1898 and resides at Catskill, N. Y. and both he and Mrs. Philip have travelled extensively.

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### ISAAC PRUYN

Isaac Pruyn was long identified with the business affairs of Catskill. Born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, November 25, 1816, he graduated at the Kinderhook Academy and studied law in the office of Judge Julius Wilcoxson. After being admitted to the New York bar he went to New York City and practised law with Judge Moore, but loving nature and the Hudson River Valley with its scenic beauties of river and mountains he soon after removed to Catskill and entered upon the practise of his profession with the late John Van Vleck.

Mr. Pruyn took an early interest in the business affairs of Catskill. With the late C. L. Beach and George H. Penfield he engaged in the freighting business which preceded the establishment of The Catskill Evening Line. He was one of the Directors of the Catskill Mountain Railway Co., and almost every business enterprise established in Catskill having any prospect of success was assured of his financial support. After the organization of The Catskill National Bank he became a stock holder and in 1872 was elected President, an office he continued to fill without interruption until the summer of 1903 when his failing health caused him to resign.

For the young men he always had a kindly feeling as was illustrated by his many donations to the Drum Corps named after him, the members of which were thereby enabled to realize their ambition.

He died June 2, 1904 at the age of 87 years, survived by a daughter, Sarah Louise, wife of James P. Philip, President of The Catskill National Bank.

Mr. Pruyn was married to Mary Wilcoxson, a niece of Ex-President Martin Van Buren and daughter of Judge Julius Wilcoxson by whom he had five children and after her death he married Sarah Ann Wilcoxson, sister of his deceased wife.

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### HERMAN C. COWAN

Herman C. Cowan, of Catskill, was born at Emporia, Kansas. He organized the Catskill Cement Company, and built there an extensive plant at Cementon, which is now being operated as the Alpha Cement Co. He has been actively connected with many Catskill interests, being at the head of the Catskill Supply Company, and the Catskill Hardware Company. He helped to reorganize the Catskill Street Railroad, being president of the Company and also president of the Rip Van Winkle Club, and superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School, since 1912. The Catskill Supply Company built the Catskill-Saugerties state road and the Cairo village state road.

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### WILLIAM S. C. WILEY

William S. C. Wiley was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, 1854 and came to this country in 1861. In 1887 he took up his residence in Catskill as the head of the Wiley Manufacturing Company being also president of the Aiken Knitting Company of Philmont. He was very successful and was honored with many official positions, serving as president of the village, supervisor of the town. He was presidential elector on the Harrison & Reed ticket and also on the McKinley and Roosevelt ticket. He was quarter master general on Gov. Levi P. Morton's staff. He was a member of the Hudson-Fulton Committee. Moving to Elmira in 1913 he became connected with a knitting company at that place. He has now returned to Catskill.

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### SETH T. COLE

Seth T. Cole was born in the village of Catskill on February 12, 1886, and has resided there since birth. He was educated in the public schools of Catskill, graduating from the Catskill High School in the class of 1901. In 1907 he entered the Albany Law School and completed the course in that institution in 1908, being admitted to the practice of law in November, 1908. On August 1, 1907, Mr. Cole was appointed to the position of stenographer in the State Tax Department at Albany and has advanced rapidly in the service of that Department, holding at the present time the important position of State Mortgage Tax Clerk. .

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In firemanic circles he is widely known and has been highly honored. He is a member of Hose Company Number One of Catskill, was Secretary of the Greene County Firemen's Association for six years and President of the organization for two years, is now President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and a member of the Law Committee of the Firemen's Association, State of New York.



SETH T. COLE.

Mr. Cole was general secretary of Catskill's Old Home Week Committee in 1908 and general secretary of the Greene County Hudson-Fulton Celebration in 1909.

He is a member of Catskill Lodge, No. 468, F. & A. M., Catskill Chapter, No. 285, R. A. M., Lafayette Commandery, No. 7, K. T., Cyprus Temple. A. A. O. N. M. S., Hudson Lodge, No. 787, B. P. O. E., Catskill Tent, No. 869, K. O. T. M., and is President of Catskill Circle, No. 311, P. H. C.

In politics Mr. Cole is a Republican.





Lieut. Col. Albert Saulpaugh N.G.N.Y.    Capt. Percy W. Decker N.G.N.Y.



First Lieut. Lucius H. Doty N.G.N.Y.    Capt. Daniel J. Cassidy N.G.N.Y.  
All of Catskill.

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### FRANK D. OVERBAUGH

Frank D. Overbaugh of Catskill has come to be regarded as the man of Roads. As superintendent of the town of Catskill since 1909 he has given the town a service that hitherto was not known, and in addition to building bridges, and roads that are practically of state road quality, he has saved the town many thousands of dollars in the purchase of materials and highway machinery. He has built for a nominal sum the big tool house at Cauterskill and there is not a shovel or hoe that is not accounted for.

The Overbaugh family was one of the first in this section. Frank D. Overbaugh traces to John Peter Overbaugh, who settled on the Loveridge Patent below Catskill in the 1700's. He was born Oct. 25, 1853 on the old farm in the Embocoght. His father was William Overbaugh, and mother, Ophelia Dewey. He was married to Alice J. Fiero, and they had two children, Florence, who married School Com. Wm N. Anderson, and Susie deceased, who was the wife of Geo. Legendre. He attends the Reformed Church.

### HORACE WILLARD

Horace Willard came to Catskill from Lenox, Mass. and opened a Jewelry Store where the present Rectory of the Dutch Reformed Church now stands. He married Susan Sophia Kemper of Hudson and soon afterwards moved up Main Street to the site now owned and occupied by Dr. Honeyford, where he continued the jewelry business until he died. His son, Charles S. Willard, bought out the business and in 1851 moved it into a new store built by him on the adjoining lot, No. 380 Main street, where he conducted the business until he died. From that time on the business was carried on by Howard Wilcox until he died February 1915, and in April 1915 was taken up by Prentis W. Hollenbeck, who is at present conducting it.

### CHARLES E. WILLARD, M. D.

Charles E. Willard, M.D., son of Horace Willard to whom previous reference has been made, was born at Catskill, August 14, 1846, and was graduated in 1868, from the college of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City. During most of the period

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since that time he has practiced medicine successfully in Catskill and had for many years been at the head of the Health Board of the town and at present is the state representative for this section. His first wife was Anna E. Willard and his second wife with whom he is living in the old homestead on Main street, Catskill, was Marcia C. Cole, to whom he was married in 1897. In 1874 he was elected vestryman of St. Luke's Church, holding the position for many years. He is still an active member of that church.

### THOMAS C. PERRY

This life sketch of Thomas C. Perry is here presented for those who are less familiar with the sterling qualities of his manhood than his associates and friends of long and intimate acquaintance.

He was born in the town of Olive, Ulster county, N. Y. in 1867, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of the subjects taught in the public schools.

Later his parents moved to the town of Marbletown. While living in this town he not only gained a practical knowledge of agriculture, but the necessity of individual responsibility strengthened the springs of his moral purpose. Consciously or unconsciously he had learned that socially and industrially the first duty of man consists in making the most of himself. With this thought supreme and a desire to fit himself for teaching, he entered Kingston Academy where he studied for his chosen profession. His preparation was further continued in Spencer's Business College.

Previous to this he had been granted a license to teach in the schools of New York. and his first school was near Stone Ridge. He taught other rural schools, and later accepted the principalship at Tillson. Here he taught the higher branches and supervised the work in the grades, resigning at the end of the third year to become principal at Wallkill, where he remained four years and brought the school to a high state of efficiency. In fact, it ranked among the best in the county, and from this school Mr. Perry turned out some of the best prepared students for the higher branches of learning. He believed the business of teaching

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to be a serious and important enterprise. Serious because of its responsibilities, opportunities and obligations; important because the demand of the day is for teachers disciplined and equipped to interpret the world of truth.

In 1898 Mr. Perry was united in marriage with Miss Tessa Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Decker, of Granite, N. Y.

Mr. Perry cherishes a pardonable pride in being a descendant of the line which gave to our young nation Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry. By the prowess of this heroic naval officer the British were driven from Lake Erie in 1813 and forced to evacuate Detroit. Like his progenitor he believes in simplifying his work by avoiding waste of words, waste of material and waste of time.

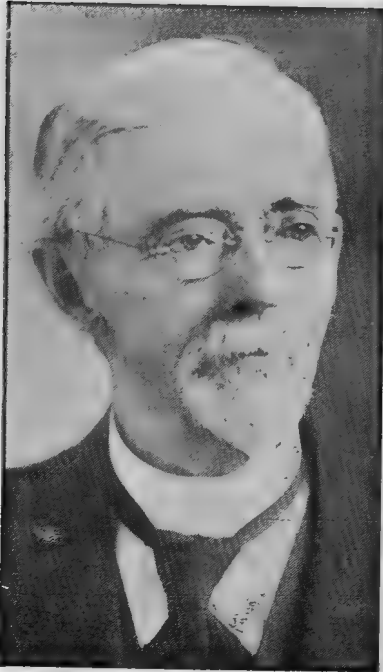
In 1905 Mr. Perry was elected by the people of third commissioner district of Ulster county to the office of school commissioner. He analyzed conditions, thought out a plan, studied directions, summoned his abilities, insight and courage. He gave hope to teachers, helped them across hard places, and he was happy in this loving service. He organized round table conferences and brought prominent educators to these conferences to impart professional impetus and enthusiasm. The teachers of his district fully appreciated his efforts. Thoughtful for the highest personal welfare not only of the teachers, but of the individual pupils in the schools under his care, he will long be remembered for his courtesy, his ability and his efficient service.

In 1912 the board of school directors of the first supervisory district of Greene county, elected Mr. Perry superintendent of the schools in the towns of Athens, Cairo, Catskill, Coxsackie to succeed Randall N. Saunders resigned. His actual experience, his thorough knowledge of rural school problems, his sincerity and tact are the attributes and qualities which enable him to supervise the schools of this district with intelligence and in the spirit of the leader.

Without domination, the true leader "gets things done" by his presence, by his attitude, and by his unassuming participation.

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George H. Chase

George H. Chase is a native of the mountain section of the county, born and reared on a farm in the town of Jewett, where the high altitudes and surrounding mountain peaks breed not only pure air and good health but study characters and lofty ideals as well, and he is thoroughly representative of that section, having in his veins the blood of the Chase, Baldwin and Pratt families, the pioneers of our mountain settlements and progenitors of a race that put Greene county on the map. When a young man he purchased the mercantile business of the late Alfred Peck at Jewett Heights and for many conducted this in connection with

his summer hotel business at that place, retiring from the mercantile business two years ago. In all of his business career he maintained a high standard for upright methods, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who had dealings with him. His location has been the center of life for the town and he the moving spirit in most of its successful enterprises. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Jewett Heights.

As a man of such prominence in his section, Mr. Chase was naturally drafted into the official life of the town, and he successfully served as town auditor, town clerk and justice of the peace, and for eight or ten terms was supervisor of the town, thus bringing him to Catskill as its representative in the county legislature, where he served with credit and distinction, thereby gaining a

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large experience that enabled him to better serve his constituents in the state legislature at Albany.

Mr. Chase, being a broad minded Republican, has always stood loyally by the principles of his party, with the spirit of which he was imbued in its earliest and best days, with a liberal interpretation of same, and has always manfully supported his position.

He was nominated for the Assembly by the Republicans of Greene county in 1913 and was elected, receiving 3698 votes to 3282 cast for J. Lewis Patrie, Democrat.

He was re-nominated and re-elected in 1914, receiving 3364 votes to 2683 cast for Dr. Sidney L. Ford, Democrat.

Mr. Chase is a member of Mountain Lodge No. 529, F. & A. M. of Windham, N. Y.

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Hop-O-Nose Mill, Catskill, N. Y.

Operated by the Union Mills Company.

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**List of Greene County Postmasters--Apr. 1, 1915**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Acra.....              | Marion Chadderdon     |
| Alsen.....             | Margaret A. King      |
| Ashland.....           | Francis L. Dodge      |
| Athens.....            | Harold W. Every       |
| Big Hollow.....        | Romaine Low           |
| Brooksbury.....        | David Davis           |
| Bushnellsville.....    | Barnet Rider          |
| Cairo.....             | Claude J. Goff        |
| Catskill.....          | Lucius R. Doty        |
| Cementon.....          | Chris Schlenker       |
| Climax.....            | Emma V. Jackson       |
| Coxsackie .....        | Francis Worden        |
| Durham.....            | A. Z. Smith           |
| East Durham .....      | Grace O. Meloy        |
| East Jewett.....       | Margaret E. Woodworth |
| East Windham.....      | W. J. Griffin         |
| Elka Park .....        | P. A. Carr            |
| Freehold.....          | W. I. Hunt            |
| Gayhead.....           | G. A. Story           |
| Greenville.....        | N. W. Avery           |
| Greenville Center..... | C. W. Palmer          |
| Haines Falls.....      | Herbert O'Hara        |
| Halcott Center.....    | James M. Moseman      |
| Hensonville.....       | Geo. R. Winchell      |
| Hunter.....            | Albert Taylor         |
| Jewett.....            | Clifford H. Baldwin   |
| Lanesville.....        | Frank G. Crosby       |
| Leeds.....             | Frank L. Vedder       |
| Lexington.....         | Lucielle T. Chatfield |
| New Baltimore.....     | Platt S. Wheat        |
| New Baltimore Sta..... | Martin M. Clow        |
| Norton Hill.....       | Peter R. Stevens      |
| Oak Hill.....          | Ernest E. Ford        |
| Palenville.....        | Chester J. Hinman     |
| Platt Clove.....       | Theodore Kessel       |

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| Prattsville.....     | James E. Mc Williams |
| Purling.....         | Manly B. Conklin     |
| Round Top.....       | J. W. Fiero, Jr.     |
| South Cairo.....     | Ambrose Jones        |
| South Durham.....    | W. G. Van Orden      |
| Sunside.....         | Burton A. Synder     |
| Tannersville.....    | Charles Voss         |
| Urlton.....          | M. W. King           |
| West Cocksackie..... | C. A. Winans         |
| West Kill.....       | C. C. Jennings       |
| Windham.....         | Keeler M. Cole       |

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Tremaine Loud's Flying Ice Boat.

Remarkable Ice Craft invention of Tremaine Loud, Catskill Point, equipped with 32 h. p. Chalmers engine, and propeller from Charles K. Hamilton's Aeroplane, that was used in his trip to Philadelphia from New York. Boat built in Cafe at Loud's Hotel. Speed of boat 80 miles per hour.



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### JOSEPH A. HILL

One of the progressive men of Catskill, whose energies and push have brought him to the front is Joseph A. Hill. He came to Catskill in May 1894, and was employed in the jewelry business, later on branching out for himself in a small venture, which under wise direction has become one of the leading jewelry stores in this section. He was born at Cohoes, N. Y. in 1874, his father, Joseph Hill coming to America in 1861 from England. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Athabasca Tribe of Red Men, and attends the Reformed church. He was married June 25, 1902 to Sarah W. Mitchell, and they have one child Geo. Odgen Hill. His present store is in the Van Gorden building.

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### R. Y. HUBBARD, M. D.

There are few men in Greene county who are better or more favorably known than R. Y. Hubbard of Tannersville, who is one of the young men who has pushed his way to the front within the past few years. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. on October 10, 1877, and graduated from the Stamford Seminary in 1899, Cornell University in 1901, Long Island College Hospital in 1907, Fitch Military Hospital in 1909, and commenced the practice of medicine at Hunter village where he remained for 4 years. He then removed to Tannersville, in order to better accommodate his extensive and growing practice, which covers every section within range of Tannersville. He is a coroner of Greene county, President of Tannersville, health officer, president of the fire department, and getting into the newspaper field is vice president of the Tannersville Record publishing company. He occupies a fine residence and has just completed an office adjoining the same. His wife was Elizabeth Hummell of Hunter to whom he was married in 1907. They have one daughter, Myrtle.

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### Addenda

Frederick Nelson DuBois died July 8, 1915.

Ice House of Jeremiah Brooks at Athens burned Aug. 22, 1915, loss \$14,000.



Harry Hall, Publisher Recorder.



Frederic E. Craigie, Pub. Examiner.



M. E. Sillberstein, Pub. Daily Mail.



Frank A. Gallt, Pub. Enterprise.

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### The Newspaper Field

Greene county has always been well represented in the newspaper field. The Catskill Recorder was first on the scene in 1792. It was then 10x12 inches in size and was called the Catskill Packet. The Catskill Packet and Western Mail, and then it shone as the Western Constellation, and in 1804 assumed the name of Catskill Recorder. Since 1862 it has been published by representatives of the Hall family following the death of Mr. Hall in 1874; George S. Stevens, deceased, Frazer Hall, deceased, being its editors, and since the death of Frazer C. Hall, Harry Hall has been at the head managing the paper for the estate.

Some of the journalist efforts that have passed were: The American Eagle, 1808, The Catskill Emendator 1813, The Zectic, 1814, The Greene and Delaware Washingtonian, 1816, Greene County Republican 1814-16, The Catskill Democrat, both papers being absorbed by The Recorder, Prattsville Advocate, 1846, The Mountaineer, 1853, Prattsville, and The American Eagle, 1854, started at Prattsville, and owned by Lyman Tremaine and later by Henry Baker. This sheet also went to The Recorder in 1860. George Mitchell printed the Catskill Journal for a time. Mr. Mitchell, who is now the oldest printer in the state setting type, is in the employ of The Recorder.

The Catskill Examiner has had a splendid record. Started as the Catskill Messenger in 1830, by Ira DuBois, continued by Wm. Bryan and C. H. Cleveland, who were succeeded by Trowbridge and Gunn. It was The Whig in 1849 and Marcus Trowbridge in 1857 changed it to The Examiner. For a time after his death Mrs. Trowbridge was assisted by Eugene Wayne. She then associated Frederick E. Craigie with her in the business. While she lived the paper was Trowbridge & Craigie, and it then passed into the hands of Fred E. Craigie, who has continued the business to the present time, enlarging and improving the paper, putting in new machinery, etc.

The Athens News was started by W. G. Harvey and following his death Mrs. Harvey is still at the helm.

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John D. Smith started the Catskill Independent in 1879, as a Greenback paper, changing later to the Daily Mail, Republican, and in 19    he sold out to M. E. Silberstein, who changed the political end to Democratic, and after equipping a new plant, his office was burned in 1913, and the office then moved to its present quarters on the corner of Main and Bridge streets. He has increased the circulation from 260 daily to over 2500 daily. Plant modern in every way.

In 1898 The Catskill Enterprise was started by F. A. Gallt, the first paper being printed on a hand press which broke down before the first number was finished. The type was old and he had much trouble with it. It was 4 pages at first and later on modern equipment was put in and the paper enlarged to 8 pages. The publisher has been ably assisted by his sons, William, Robert, now machine man at the Mail office, Frank, Joseph and Raymond; also by his daughter, now Mrs. Fred Field. The Enterprise has at the present time a model equipment in presses, folding machine, electric power, etc.

The Catskill Mountain Zephyr was published first by Geo. A. Dykeman as a summer paper. He sold out to M. E. Silberstein, who for a time printed the Athens Review, for a couple of years. Then the Zephyr passed to W. N. Coriell, and for the past 6 years has been issued by F. A. Gallt.

The Kingston District News, started in 1898, had A. J. Walker, E. L. Hoeffcker, and F. L. Wilson as publishers. Its office of publication was Catskill. It was discontinued several years ago, after obtaining a circulation of 2500.

In 1878 Myron Dings of Oak Hill started the Gilboa Monitor and after several years moved the paper to Gilboa, where he sold to A. J. Shaver and moved west. Paige T. Hoagland moved from Jefferson, where he sold the Jefferson Courier to W.S.Jones, now publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, and started the Oak Hill Record in 1892. His son, Scott is now running the paper.

The Mountain Gazette was published for a time at Windham by G. W. Riggs, but the paper failing to receive political patronage failed.

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Cairo Herald, published by Geo. W. Squires, established in 1890, newsy and well conducted. Power presses and good plant.

Greenville Local, published by Peter Winne & Son, established 1876, by Peter Winne, who is still at the helm.

Since 1861 Edward M. Cole has published the Windham Journal. He served the town of Windham in various ways politically and represented the county in the assembly in 1892. His death occurred last winter.

The Prattsville News, published by M. G. Marsh was started in 1858. For 50 years Mr. Marsh has been at the head of the paper. He has associated with him M. G. Griffin.

The Hunter Review was started in 1883 and is still prosperous with A. L. Baldwin at the head, and is ably assisted by Mrs. Baldwin.

The Tannersville Times was started A. G. Powell in 1901, but he discontinued the paper and after a year or so the business was commenced again by Mr. Disbrow, who has gone along nicely.

Another paper of the county is The Coxsackie Union, publisher, Wm. P. Franklin, established 1857.

The Coxsackie News was published for a time and later on merged with the Coxsackie Union.

The Evening News was published daily by George Harding, 1898, in the building at the corner of Main and Bridge street. The News soon ceased to be issued.

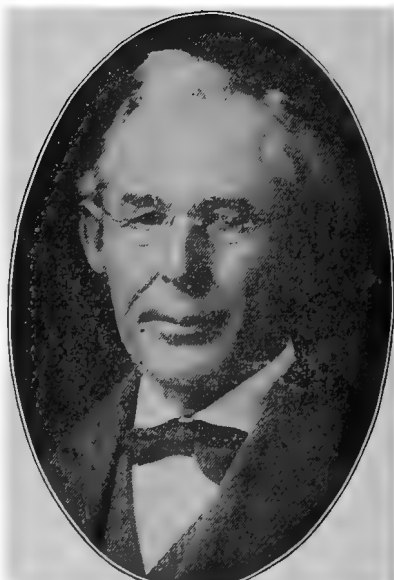
Another paper that was issued daily by George L. Gaynor and Rudolph W. Plusch was The Catskill Press.

The latest bow in the newspaper field is the Tannersville Record, 8 pages, neatly printed on book paper, well edited and has every evidence of great success. It is published by the Record Corporation, with Burgess Howard as managing editor.

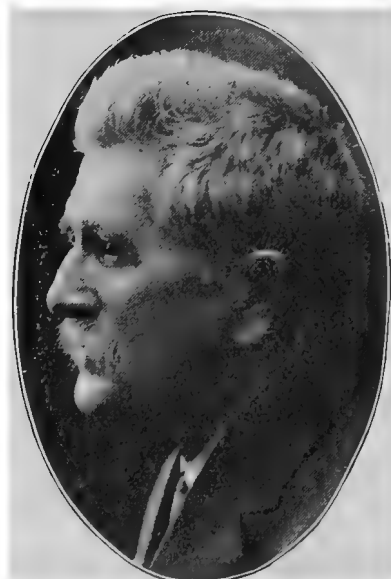
M. G. Marsh of Prattsville and William P. Franklin of Coxsackie are two veteran publishers of the county, having been in the business for 50 years.



Chas. Ernst, Killed by Joseph Waltz.



F. D. Overbagh, Sup't Highways.



C.O. Bickelmann, Noted Photographer



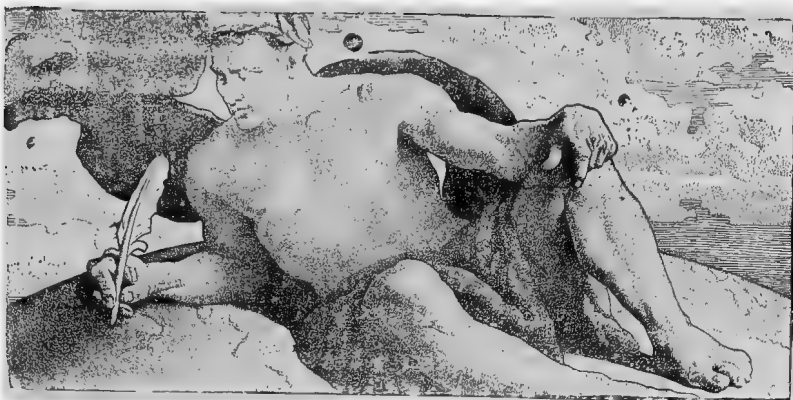
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# Chronological Events

1898 - 1915

The Earlier Happenings are Referred to through the Book.

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## CHRONOLOGY 1898.

Warden Sage, of Catskill, made great repairs to prison at Sing Sing.

Luke Smith, of Catskill, died at the age of 87 years.

Theodore Roosevelt, hero of San Juan Hill, visits Catskill, the occasion being made a holiday.

Alexander King returns from Honolulu.

Harry Hicks, Albert Thompson and Harry Lydecker return from Honolulu.

Charles W. Webster, of Cairo, in the fight of block house 14 at Manila, Philippines.

Daniel Meech died of pneumonia at Catskill.

William Henry Hoteling sentenced to five years for murder of Bobbie Walsh at Coxsackie.

Lewis Hallenbeck, of Coxsackie, on navy furlough presents Enterprise with relics from the Spanish battleships, Viscya and Oquendo.

## CHRONOLOGY 1899.

Luther Holdridge, of Lanesville, shot four bears and they brought him \$35.00 each.

A calf was born on Dwight McQueen's farm at Hensonville having

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eight legs.

Big Masonic celebration at Coxsackie.

J. H. Whitbeck store at Coxsackie robbed of \$750, safe blown.

St. Patrick's fair netted \$1210.

Bicycle path built from Catskill to Palenville. Failure.

203rd regiment mustered out of service.

Jacobs' Bottling Works, Cairo, destroyed by fire.

Catskill cat show nets Y. M. C. A. \$70.00.

Margaret Fletcher died at Catskill, aged 99 years.

St. Luke's church, costing \$35,000, G. W. Holdridge builder, dedicated June sixth.

Sergt. Edgar Johnston, engineer, repaired bridge at Malolos, Philippines, while the Spanish bullets were flying all about him.

Theodore Haines, of Catskill, died suddenly after being injured.

Col. Omar V. Sage, of Catskill, made warden of house of refuge, Randall's Island.

Capt. Henry Nicholls, commander of the monotor Monadnock, U. S. N., Admiral Dewey's squadron, died at Manila. Born in Athens in 1845. Body shipped to United States.

Tannersville railroad opened from Otis Junction.

Smallpox in Athens brick yard.

Geo. W. Holdridge brought the old St. Luke's church for \$2700.

Geo. W. Holdridge commenced work on Rowena school at Palenville, a \$40,000 structure.

Melvin Wynkoop drowned at Coxsackie.

William Bigelow, Crawford Owens, William Henzel and Antonio de Batiste crushed to death in cave-in of brick kiln at Catskill.

Jas. Busbee committed suicide at West Camp.

Lewis Hadden, war veteran, died at Big Hollow, aged 65 years.

Dominic Crommis drowned at New Baltimore.

Howard Cohn killed by accidental discharge of gun while hunting at South Cairo.

Sixteenth Separate Company participated in Dewey parade at New York, Lieut. Searles commanding. 37,000 men in line. All the war vessels in parade also.

Walter Finch killed in electric light station at Catskill.

Mrs. Judson Wilcox, aged 95 years, fell and fractured her hip. Accident resulted in her death. She was for over 50 years a member of St. Luke's church.

Murder at Kiskatom—Elizabeth Baer, an old woman, cut the throat of Catherine Wolvin, a helpless invalid. She then took Paris-green. Dr. Lamont saved her life. Tried and convicted of murder in the second degree.

Socialists polled 300 votes for A. C. Fancher for supervisor of Catskill.

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Good Templar convention at Tannersville.  
Fire in Conklin store, Catskill.  
Store house of Catskill & New York Steamboat company destroyed by fire.  
Apkes hotel at Palenville burned.  
Summit Hill House barns burned.  
Democrats elect ten supervisors. S. B. Sage, assemblyman.  
Pierre S. Jennings contests the result.  
Wiley Hose Co. fair netted \$1000.  
Hon. J. Leroy Jacobs, former assemblyman, dropped dead at Cairo, aged 55 years.  
M. L. Newcomb died at home of Dr. Lamont, Catskill. Former member of assembly and school commissioner, also supervisor from Windham.  
Catskill town audit \$5,862, budget \$15,185.  
Mike Madigan crushed to death in Bridge street sewer, Catskill.  
The Rev. William S. Chamberlain, missionary to India, given purse of \$100 by Reformed church, Catskill.  
Former Sheriff Peter Magee died at Athens.  
Marry Edith Ingersoll, of Catskill, burned to death at Doane home.  
Conradt Stevens died at Catskill, aged 83 years, former whaler.  
The single vote of the Spanish war veterans cost Greene county \$1000.  
Albert Post, of Lanesville, celebrated his 55th anniversary by shooting his 55th bear.

### CHRONOLOGY 1900.

Trolley promoted from Coxsackie to Greenville.  
Mother Van Cott held revival at Jefferson.  
Monument erected to memory of Edgar K. Williams.  
Dewitt Decker, of Prattsville hung himself.  
Case Hallenbeck of High Hill, aged 80 years, found dead in bed.  
O. T. Humphrey, former Catskillian and member of assembly from Greene county, died at Johnstown.  
State Comptroller in his annual report paid tribute to Warden Sage, of Randall's Island. Conditions best ever and a saving of \$13,000 over his predecessor for a year's work.  
William T. Conine committed suicide while deranged at Catskill.  
Barnet Palmer, 83 years; Catherine Wolvin, 82 years; John Rider, 77 years, and John Saxe, 72 years, died at Kiskatom.  
St. Mary's church fair at Coxsackie netted \$5000.  
Sidney Crowell, of Catskill, former district attorney, died from stroke of paralysis.  
Catskill Examiner office and store of Peary and Lobdell damaged by fire.

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Mrs. Harry Decker, of Athens, inherits a fortune of \$48,000.

Solomon Cornwall, died March 22, at Cocksackie, aged 94 years.

~~—~~ School moneys for town of Catskill were \$3,165.

George A. Dykeman put 10,000 trout in Palenville streams.

Justice Emory A. Chase presided at Greene county term of Supreme court, April session.

War veteran James Lane found dead in bed at Lawrenceville.

Oscar Merwin, of Hunter, committed suicide, taking laudanum and whiskey.

The Rev. William Fitzgerald appointed to St. Patrick's church at Catskill.

Forty priests officiated in mass for the Rev. William J. Finnegan, deceased.

John Bassett and Oscar Dederick of Catskill in the big fight at Cebu.

Samuel Austin, of Leeds, fined \$50 and sent to the penitentiary for six months for whipping his wife.

Residence of Robert Seaman, Catskill, destroyed by fire.

Great parade in Catskill Memorial Day, occasion of the unveiling of the Edgar William's monument. Company E, Catskill Band, Squad 31st Regiment, G. A. R. Veterans, Po'keepsie Drum Corps, Citizens, Wileys, Wilsons, Osborns, Pruyn Drum Corps, three Athens companies, clergymen and trustees in line. Address by Rev. R. E. Bell.

L. T. Beach census enumerator for Catskill.

James McLean died at Windham, aged 89 years.

Survey made for trolley line from Catskill to Cairo.

Justice Chase presided at the June term of Supreme Court.

Frank Norton, Co. H, in fights against Philipinos.

Maggie Van Cott conducted revival at Lebanon Springs.

Samuel Mallory, of Catskill, died at the age of 88 years.

Mrs. Robert McGiffert died in the arms of her husband while going from the boat to the hotel in Catskill.

Douglass B. Thorpe, of Catskill, died at Manorkill, where he was visiting his brother.

Greene County Firemen's convention held at Catskill Labor Day.

\$8000 pledged towards public library in Catskill.

Work commenced on Catskill trolley.

Contractor George W. Holdridge commenced work on Wiley Hose house.

Frank Layman burned to death fighting fire at the Laurel House.

J. F. Gaylord, Frazer C. Hall and Gen. Coster had their pockets picked at the Greene county fair. John Van Tassell had his leg broken in a horse race.

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Office of J. A. Betts at Catskill damaged by fire.

Sheriff Holdridge ran down three pickpockets who worked at Cairo fair.

Rowena school at Palenville dedicated.

Greene County Sunday School association met at Ashland.

Frank Cherowsky and William Mattice killed at Smiths Landing while at work in an ice house.

2000 people saw the laying of the corner stone of St. Mary's church at Coxsackie, a \$25,000 structure.

Catskill trolley commenced operation September 20th.

General W. S. C. Wiley elected president of Republican club at Catskill.

Supervisor P. Gardner Coffin sent \$100 to Galveston sufferers.

The Albany Burgesses Corps celebrated their 67th anniversary in Catskill. Company E paraded with them.

William Jennings Bryan visited Catskill October 29th.

J. C. Tallmadge elected county judge; General W. S. C. Wiley, senator; W. W. Rider, assemblyman; Cyrus Bloodgood, county clerk; Henry Van Bergen, sheriff. McKinley carried county for president.

Large barn of Andrew Overbaugh, Catskill, destroyed by fire.

Roof of shale brick building at Catskill collapsed and Erasmo Casseragolio was killed and others injured.

Elmer Krieger elected chairman of Board of Supervisors.

Company E paraded at Hudson.

Thomas Daglish, of Catskill, died from an over dose of laudanum.

Hon. James B. Olney died at Catskill, aged 67 years.

Albert Saulpaugh, veteran 203d regt., elected captain of Co. E.

### CHRONOLOGY 1901.

Hon. Geo. S. Stevens, assemblyman from Greene county, died at his home in Catskill.

Horace Van Akin killed by Catskill trolley.

Hannah Lynan, aged 72 years, burned to death at her home in Catskill.

John Robb, aged 85 years, died at his home in Kiskatom of pneumonia.

Judge Marcus Beach, a former Catskillian, died at his home in Jersey City, aged 82 years.

The Rev. Anna Shaw and Harriet May Mills lectured in Catskill.

Chauncey Richards, of Athens, walked off the dock at Catskill and was drowned.

James B. Person, of Catskill, found dead in bed.

Diphtheria broke out in Catskill kindergarten, a number of deaths following. Frank H. Russ lost two children,

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Co. E in camp at Lake Mohegan, Capt. Saulpaugh in charge.

Arthur M. Terns, of Kiskatom, crushed to death in an accident on the Catskill Mountain railroad.

Alvert Van Santvoord president of the Day Line and also interested in the Catskill Mt. and Otis Rys., died on his yacht.

Dominic Petrol, employed on the Webber bridge, Catskill town, drowned in the creek at that place.

Estimated expenditures of Catskill schools, \$21560.

Myrtle Wood, of Oak Hill, struck by lightning and killed.

Citizens Hose Co. purchase new mirror parade carriage. Finest in the country.

F. N. DuBois presents Catskill with Y. M. C. A. building.

Clarence Garrison, of Catskill, killed by live wire, while working on the line near Broad street.

Geo. W. Holdridge gets contract for public library.

Three story boarding house of A. Amman destroyed by fire at Catskill. Mr. Amman and wife were at Valdez, Alaska.

Big Firemen's fair at Catskill netted \$1200.

Ten Democratic and five Republican supervisors elected. William W. Rider, assemblyman; Judson A. Betts, county treasurer; Egbert Palmer, district attorney. Hotel license carried in Catskill by 42 votes. Hunter no license. Supervisors elected: Athens—W. C. Brady; Asland—Levi Thompkins; Cairo—Solon W. Stevens; Catskill—Charles A. Post; Coxsackie—D. Geroe Greene; Durham—Almerin Moore; Greenville—Orrin Stevens; Halcott—Lemuel Kelly; Hunter—Michael O'Hara; Jewett—Franklin Woodruff; Lexington—Clarence Tompkins; New Baltimore—C. V. Elmendorf; Prattsville—Elmer Krieger; Windham—Osborn Cole.

Vincenzo Fragola killed by the cars at the West Shore depot.

Abigal Crosby, aged 88 years, died at Catskill.

Chauncey Smith dropped dead on Main street, Catskill.

Farmers Telephone Co. organized in Cairo.

### CHRONOLOGY 1902.

The Mountain Gazette published at Windham suspended.

Fred Miller found dead in the barn at the Mower House, Cairo.

John Townsend, of Greenville Center, found at his home so badly frozen that he could not recover.

In a Washington's birthday reception at the Presbyterian church Justice Chase represented Washington and Judge Tallmadge Philip Schuyler. Fifty other Colonial characters were represented by Catskillians, Charles G. Coffin, Judson A. Betts, Clarence Sage, Lucius Doty, Charles A. Elliott and Percy W. Decker being among the number.

Hon. John A. Griswold died at his home on William street, Catskill, aged 79 years.

Justice Sewell presided at March term of Supreme Court.

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High water on March 1st did great damage in Catskill.

A pine tree cut on the Pratt farm at Oak Hill, measured 18 feet at the base, 65 feet to the first limb, 175 feet in height and rings indicated age of 235 years.

Albert H. Ford kill at Athens by a falling derrick.

Catskill public library opened.

Thomas E. Ferrier died at Catskill, aged 81 years. Former supervisor and county treasurer.

Joseph Keeler died from chloroform accidentally spilled upon his bed during his sickness. He was an old resident of Catskill.

Potter Palmer, uncle of Mrs. H. L. Boughton, of Catskill, died at Chicago, and remains were interred at Potters Hollow, his birthplace. He was born in 1826, conducted store at Durham, owned 95 houses in Chicago at time of great fire in 1870, all destroyed. He was worth \$25,000,000.

Bishop Burke confirmed class of 150 at St. Patrick's church at Catskill.

40,000 people burned to death in volcano eruption at St. Pierre, Martinique, greatest disaster of modern times.

Catskill Shale Brick plant in hands of receiver.

Geo. W. Holdridge given contract to build Catskill Y. M. C. A.

Esquire Cowles died suddenly at Durham, aged about 76 years.

Judge Sanderson died sitting in his chair, at the home of his daughter in Catskill. County judge in 1882 and in 1888, defeating M. B. Mattice each time.

Firemen's convention in Catskill, June 17-18. Great days.

William H. Tolley, of Athens, committed suicide by hanging.

Sherwood Selleck dropped dead in the Nelida theatre while attending commencement exercises.

Catskill firemen returned \$500 to board of trustees.

Sherman Sanford, of Greenville, cut his throat and was found dead.

Barn of Charles Sherman at Leeds struck by lightning and destroyed.

John Allen died at Acra, aged 83 years.

John Eggelheimer drowned at Tannersville while fishing.

One hundred people from Catskill made pilgrimage to Auriesville, the shrine of Father Jogues, the martyr of the Christian faith.

Walter Fish killed by a fall from the West Shore bridge.

Barn and stables of John Cunningham at Leeds destroyed by fire.

Lee Betts, R. A. Obenaus, Van Person, Chief Henry R. Hinman and Mike Foley won prizes at State Firemen's convention at Hudson and Citizens Hose Co., of Catskill, a keg of beer.

Steamer McManus, of Catskill Evening Line, destroyed by fire at her dock in New York.

Tug boat Laurida burned at Athens,

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Greene County Firemen's convention held at New Baltimore on Labor Day. Frank Nichols, of Athens, elected president.

Frazer C. Hall, editor of the Recorder, died of brain hemorrhage. Teachers' Institute held at Cairo.

Ice house of Nicholas Russell, Catskill, burned.

Christ's church, Catskill, repaired, new windows put in and new pipe organ presented by Helen Mackey.

Frank Cariglo was murdered by Peter Berzino at Coxsackie.

William Graff, of Catskill, was drowned in the creek while attempting to pull up the boat anchor.

Charles L. Beach died at his home in Catskill. He was born in a log house in Lexington in 1813. Autobiography on another page.

Peter Conover, Robert Bonner's great horseman, committed suicide in Catskill by shooting himself. He trained Dexter.

Albert Chase, of Hensonville, stricken with paralysis and died. Deceased was father of Judge Chase, of Catskill. He was 84 years of age. Other notice elsewhere.

Bernard Smith held for attempt to murder Wm. Friend at Urlton.

Marco Luckich ground to death in a conveyor at the Catskill Cement company's plant.

Capt. J. H. Baley, of Catskill, dropped dead on the street. Notice elsewhere.

Charles A. Nichols elected assemblyman, Orin Q. Flint, school commissioner; J. B. Longendyke, coroner. County Republican by about five hundred.

Remains of Kitty McLaughlin, of Catskill, found in river at Hyde Park. Her father was killed in a quarry, brother shot at Huntsville.

Wardwell Van Bergen shot to death at Catskill Point by a darkey named Long.

Oliver Bourke, of Catskill, died suddenly. Notice elsewhere.

Carl Becker, of Alsen, murdered at Saugerties.

Justice Herrick presided at November term of Supreme Court.

Charles A. Post elected chairman of Board of Supervisors.

Last of county bonds, \$150,000, paid.

Dr. Levi King died at Cairo at the age of 90 years.

Bernard Smith and Robert Burns escaped from Catskill jail.

## CHRONOLOGY 1903.

George Harding, of Philadelphia, built Hotel Kaaterskill. Edward Lampman, of Catskill, contractor.

Otis Griffin, of Halcott, plowed up a gold watch.

Charles G. Coffin, of Catskill, broke leg but continued to work.

Hattie Borst, of Hunter, obtained a divorce.

I. E. Baker, of Coxsackie, went into bankruptcy.



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Rural delivery in Catskill May 1st. William O'Brien, Harry Lydecker, David Egnor, Tril Lynes and John Butler, carriers.

Harry Lee coughed up a four-inch lizzard.

Mrs. Charles Herdman, of Hunter, died under an operation.

Philip Smith, of Catskill, veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, dropped dead.

Great propeller launched from Baldwin's shipyard at New Baltimore.

Peter Verzein shot and killed Frank Gargolio at Coxsackie.

Robert Burns and John Smith escaped from Catskill jail. They hooked the keys from the wall by means of a long stick. Smith was recaptured.

Andrew Johnson died at Coxsackie.

Maggie Van Cott had 100 converts in a revival at Charlotteville.

Trolley line projected from Catskill to Cairo and Middleburgh.

James Hallenbeck shot a bear that crossed the Hopkins' place in Catskill.

Methodist church at Centerville celebrated its 100th anniversary. Mrs. Van Cott assisted.

First Baptist church at Catskill celebrated centennial.

Herbert Day drowned at Coxsackie.

Charles H. Cummings started paper at Palenville.

Fred Trumbour, of Palenville, built electric light plant at that place.

William Steimitz fell off the high cliff at the Mountain House and escaped alive.

George Williams, of East Durham, fell heir to \$600.

Jacob Fromer, of Tannersville presented the hose company with a lot for hose house.

Old Maids' convention at Greenville netted \$100.

The Rev. C. G. Hazard, of Catskill, delegate to the General Assembly at Los Angeles, California.

Catskill Foundry and Machine Works incorporated capitol \$50,000.

Robert Brink, an inmate of the Alms House, got \$800 back pension.

James Kiveland drowned at Catskill.

Fifty Smiths from Greene county attended reunion of five hundred Smiths at Peapeck.

Christ's Presbyterian church at Catskill celebrated centennial. The Rev. Chas. O. Day preached the sermon.

Lionell R. Long tried for murder of Wardwell Van Bergen, shot at Catskill Point on steamboat. E. Palmer for people, G. H. Jones for defendant. Acquitted.

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Samuel Austin, of Catskill, found dead in creek by Nieland brothers, fishermen.

William Johnston committed suicide.

Boiler exploded at Holcomb's saw mill in Palenville. Great wreck but not one killed.

Catskill Y. M. C. A. dedicated on April first.

New windows presented to St. Luke's church.

Mrs. Van Cott conducted revival services at Ashland and Westerlo.

Jeremiah Vosburgh, of Coxsackie, found dead in bed, aged 87 years.

Ambrose Greene, of Urlton, aged 90 years, found dead in bed.

Charles Garrighan, of Coxsackie, found dead in bed.

Albany and Catskill Trolley Company organized.

Charles E. Haines committed suicide at Cairo.

John Richards committed suicide at Purling.

Jacob Fromers' horse and wagon fell into the clove Canyon, six feet and escaped serious injury.

William Ellis, war veteran, aged 87 years, found dead in bed at South Cairo.

Kingston district conference of the Methodist church held in Catskill.

Catskill town bridge carried away. Michael Moran, captain of barge and William Dwyer drowned. Patsey Williams, Fred Bigelow and Jack McNary carried down with the structure, but escaped alive. The flood did great damage throughout the county. New span cost \$10,000. Ben Plusch built temporary structure.

Windham village six feet under water.

Marshall Day, West Athens, dropped dead, aged 55 years.

Benjamin Brenn, of Catskill, committed suicide in cistern.

Thomas Hall drowned at Four Mile Point.

James Little, of New Baltimore, sent to Dannemora for 20 years for rape.

Fred Van Dyke unearthed skeleton of indian on the Milton Palmer farm, near the indian fording place. Skeleton was in sitting posture.

Frank Krom, of Purling shot when rabbit stepped on trigger of his gun which he had laid on the ground.

Hunters with blood hounds killed a bear at Hunter.

Durham creamery burned. Loss \$4000.

George A. Van Valkenburgh died at Lexington, aged 65 years.

John R. Hicks, of Catskill, found dead in bed, aged 79 years.

Henry F. Olmstead died suddenly, aged 89 years.

Caroline Palmer, died at Greenville from cancer, aged 62 years.

P. Clinton Lewis, formerly of Catskill, died at Boston, under an operation,

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Matthew Griffin died at Griffins Corners, aged 93 years.

Joseph Keeler died at Catskill suddenly, aged 79 years.

Sally Smith died at Catskill, aged 84 years.

Mrs. R. H. Van Bergen died at Coxsackie, aged 86 years.

Frederick Knowles died at Coxsackie, aged 91 years.

Steven Ennist, war veteran, died at Palenville, aged 79 years.

Isaac Van Schaack died at Coxsackie, aged 84 years.

Mrs. Mary Calhoun died at Greenville, aged 81 years.

Daniel T. Lennon died at Palenville, aged 83 years.

Sarah M. Fowler, aged 80 years, died at Clintondale, mother of

Hon. Frank S. Decker, of Catskill.

Mrs. A. N. Bentley, of Greenville, found dead in bed, aged 82 years.

Oscar Edwards, of Catskill found dead in bed.

Susan Nelson Fitchett, formerly of Catskill, died at Coxsackie, aged 92 years.

George Roraback, of Westkill, died suddenly, aged 85 years.

Joan Christopher Klepser, of Catskill, died at age of 81 years.

Harvey Delamater, of Catskill, found dead in bed.

Romantuds Lake, war veteran, died at Greenville.

Lawrence Benton, war veteran, died at Durham.

Remarkable death record—There were eighteen persons buried in Locust cemetery near Norton Hill during the past year. There was one over 100 years old at her death, three between 90 and 100, two between 80 and 90, four between 75 and 80, two between 60 and 70, two between 50 and 60, one between 40 and 50, two between 30 and 40, and one, the youngest, 23 years.

## CHRONOLOGY 1904.

Boiler exploded in Hop o' Nose mill, several hurt. Percy Pindar, Charles Kiefer, Al Cole, George and Fred Pfiel and Harold Russ among the number.

Mrs. Ellen Post, of Catskill, left \$1500 to Carnegie library, \$1000 to Y. M. C. A. and the income of \$3000, \$1000 to the First Baptist and \$500 to the Reformed churches of Catskill.

Mrs. Van Cott, aged 74 years, conducted two weeks' revival at Windham.

Hudson River Ministerial Association met at Catskill.

Capt. Charles Hallenbeck, pilot of the steamer Katterskill, dropped dead in New York.

Mrs. Andrew Moore, aged 78 years, burned to death at Cornwallville.

Justice Emory R. Chase entertained Greene County Bar Assn.

Justice Howard presided at February term of Supreme Court.

Rev. W. G. Price opened Business College at Freehold, also published Christian Echo. Failures,

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Assemblyman Charles A. Nichols fathers new equalization board law for Greene county.

Justice Chase elected president Bar Association.

Charles Sickles, aged 90 years, died at Athens.

Robert Seaman, formerly of Catskill, died in New York at the age of 82. Inventor of the iron clad milk can and a millionaire.

Happy Jack Kilroy fell from a piazza at Haines Falls and was killed.

James H. Snyder died at Kiskatom at the age of 82.

School money, town of Catskill, \$3775.

Lyman Chidester died at Leeds at the age of 78.

Lake Kiskatom Water Works Company incorporated.

Hezekiah Dederick, aged 89 years, died at Drummond Falls.

Captain George Edwards died at his home in Athens, 69 years.

Abram Harkness, a war veteran, who suffered the horrors of Libby prison, died at his home in Hunter.

Mrs. H. M. Mace, principal of the Catskill High school, succumbed to typhoid fever.

Dr. Nelson Fanning, of Catskill, fell down stairs and was killed.

The steam yacht of Frank Leek was dynamited at Athens.

Geo. L. Arbanasius, paymaster at the Alsen Cement works, died as the result of blood poisoning from colored stockings.

Robert Conine, of Catskill, was killed by C. M. Ry. train at Catskill Point.

Milton J. Snyder, of Catskill, shot himself in the Landa woods and was missing ten days when found.

Hon. Isaac Pruyn, aged 88 years, died at his home in Catskill June 2d. President of Catskill National bank for thirty-three years. Practiced law with John Van Vleck.

Engineer B. E. Conklin, of Catskill, of the fated steamer Slocum, stuck to his post while hundreds were burned to death.

Cyrus C. Ballou, of Catskill, fell from a cherry tree and was killed.

Conrad J. Droogan, a Catskill lawyer, found dead in bed at the Smith House.

Addison S. Hayes, of Hensonville, a one-armed veteran, died suddenly at that place.

Estimate expense of Catskill schools, \$23505.

Frank Lampman drowned in the creek at Catskill.

Barns on the Martin Van Sylke place at Coxsackie destroyed by fire.

Charles Prediger, of Catskill, drowned in creek.

Frank Deane died at Greenville, aged 79 years. Father of Supervisor J. Henry Deane, of Catskill.

Alexander Pausley died at his home in Athens, aged 71 years.

Hudson River Holiness school opened by the Rev. W. Albrecht

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at Catskill September 6th. Dismal failure. Bills still unpaid. Former principal of academy at Greenville.

Harry Overbaugh, of Catskill, killed in a sewer cave-in at Saugerties.

Frank Smith, of Athens, drowned in the river at Hudson.

Victor Brandeis committed suicide at the Salisbury Manor, Leeds, blowing his head off with a shot gun.

James J. McDermott found dead in the woods near Green Lake.

Company C encamped at Binghamton.

Hudson River Baptist Association met at Catskill.

Thomas Reilly, of Coxsackie, had the top of his head blown off by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting rabbits.

Daniel H. Link saved coupons from tobacco packages and got a \$300 piano.

William Walters and wife slashed to the point of death by Jack and Charles Deer, who also threw stones through the windows and shot up the house

George Proctor killed while operating a threshing machine near Catskill. One foot was cut off and he bled to death.

Charles Truesdell, of Prattsville, was killed by a companion while shooting at a target.

St. Patrick's academy at Catskill received gold medals from the St. Louis exposition for excellent work of pupils.

Company E celebrates its 25th anniversary October 3rd. Addresses were made by Col. Sage, A. M. Murphy, Senator Bloodgood, Justice Emory A. Chase, Alderman Thorpe, Postmaster Doty, Judge Tallmadge, Supervisor P. G. Coffin, County Treasurer J. A. Betts and Dr. Englert, former members, and by Contractor George W. Holdridge, who built the armory.

Last great races at the Catskill driving park.

Kingston district conference held at Coxsackie.

Peter and Fred Cornell, of Catskill, shot 71 partridge and 33 woodcock on a hunting trip.

Carrie D. Hotchkiss, of Catskill captured a big owl measuring 24 inches.

Republicans swept Greene county. Roosevelt 700. William J. Hughes elected county treasurer.

Justice Kellogg presided over November term of Supreme Court.

The Rev. Alfred Demarest, former pastor of Catskill Reformed church, died suddenly while getting ready to go abroad.

John Seers, of Leeds, sentenced to four years imprisonment for bigamy.

John Ageo killed by the cars at Alsen.

Lewis Wolf, steamboat man, died suddenly at Athens, aged 76

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years. Treasurer Evening Line, president of Hudson River Ice Co.

County indebtedness reduced to \$80,000.

Michael O'Hara chairman of Board of Supervisors. Henry S. Van Orden supervisor from Catskill.

Citizens Hose company's fair netted \$1200.

### CHRONOLOGY 1905.

Nile Linzey drowned in the Catskill creek while skating.

Isaac Van Loan died suddenly at Athens from paralysis.

Annual meeting of Bar Association at Catskill. Justice Emory A. Chase presided.

William Brandow died at South Jewett, aged 80 years.

Justice Howard presided at February term of Supreme Court.

Richard Jones, 82 years, and wife, 78 years, died at Greenville in same week.

The Newkirk house at Sandy Plains destroyed by fire.

H. Leroy Austin, of Catskill, appointed chief accountant in comptroller's office at Albany.

Art exhibition at Carnegie library at Catskill.

Palenville and Kiskatom Telephone Company organized.

Vernon E. Ford, of Catskill died following an accident at his saw mill in Catskill. His leg was amputated.

"Alone in London" by Cairo amateurs, netted \$250.

St. Patrick's fair at Athens was a great success.

Frances Wilcox, oldest teacher in the county, died at the age of 76 years at Catskill.

Jane Johnson, the last slave in Greene county, died at Catskill, having been a servant in the Mann family over 30 years.

Three cases of spotted fever appeared at Palenville. All three died.

Catskill fishermen captured many carp weighing from 24 to 44 pounds in the creek.

Charles A. Gumier committed suicide by jumping into the river at Catskill Point.

School money for Greene county, \$27,725.

John H. Brink, of Haines Falls, killed by the cars at Alsen.

Thomas F. Botsford, a prominent resident of Catskill, died suddenly.

Frank Knoll elected president of the Deuter Untersteutungsverein of Catskill.

Maggie Van Cott in great revival at Jefferson, Iowa.

Woodbridge King, aged 92 years, died at his home in West Athens.

Frank Schmidt, of Catskill, champion at gun practice on the battleship Illinois.

District Attorney Pierre S. Jennings passed through successful appendicitis operation.

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Albert Boshardt drowned at Smith's Landing.

Charles Vedder, of Coxsackie, fell overboard and was drowned from the City of Hudson.

Henry S. Mace died at Catskill at the age of 89 years.

Four men terribly injured in a dynamite explosion at the Catskill Cement works.

Charles Waterman died at Ashland at the age of 90 years.

Enos V. Smith, of Coxsackie, found dead in his wagon.

Joseph Hertack, of Windham, walked off the dock and was drowned at Catskill. Had been missing about ten days from home.

S. B. Sage died at his home in Catskill, aged 68 years. Born in Prattsville 1836, educated there. Assemblyman from Greene county 1897-8-9. Also under-sheriff in 1880.

Judge Cochrane presided at June term of Supreme Court.

Citizens Hose Co. of Catskill wore new white suits at Mt. Vernon and were headed by the Astor drum corps of New York, 35 pieces.

Peter Dambrowski committed suicide at the hotel of A. Allulis in Catskill.

Catskill public library reports 6261 volumes.

New Methodist church at South Cairo dedicated.

Charles E. Smith, of Coxsackie, jumped from his motor car and struck on his head killing him.

Margaret Herrick, oldest woman in Greene county, died at Catskill, aged 96 years.

Estimated expenditures for Catskill Schools, \$24,484.

Company E qualified 25 men on the state rifle range.

John Gill, aged 79 years, died at Athens.

Greene county firemen's convention held at Catskill Labor Day. Hensonville band, Hunter band, Hudson band, Catskill band, Pruyn Drum Corps, Hudson, Hunter and Catskill companies represented in parade. Jacob Fromer elected president of association.

Isaac Spoor died at West Coxsackie, aged 84 years.

Emerson Ford, of Durham, James Hughes, of Stuyvesant Falls, and Eugene Wayne, of Catskill, appointed Equalization Board for Greene County.

FOUR DROWNED—Mary C. Bedell, Jennie L. Bedell, of New York, Sarah Brown, of Brooklyn, and Margaret McKay, of Coxsackie, drowned at Hudson when the Powers ran into the Young America, the boat being sunk.

Henry Van Valkenburgh, of Coxsackie, was killed at that place by the cars. He was driving a manure spreader.

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Otis Stevens shot Edward Griffin at the Golden Stairs hotel at Catskill.

Greene County Sunday School convention held at Cornwallville.

The remains of William Wilkinson, of Catskill, were taken from the river at Malden. Case a mystery.

William Wood, of Coxsackie, committed suicide by drowning.

Atlantic City Guards encamped in Catskill.

The Presbytery of Columbia met at Tannersville.

Henry Layman, of Catskill, caught a carp weighing 75 pounds.

William Layman, of Catskill, fell from a ladder at Oak Hill while picking apples and was killed.

Harry E. Norton killed by a Catskill trolley car.

Daniel Glennon, of Catskill, died at the age of 93 years.

Supervisors Board a tie, seven Democrats, seven Republicans. Wm. C. Brady elected to assembly. Leslie Tompkins and William N. Anderson elected school commissioners.

Cairo Electric Light Company building \$80,000 plant at Woodstock. Catskill Mountain and Mohawk Valley Railroad incorporated.

Justice Hasbrouck presided at November term of Supreme Court.

Michael O'Hara chairman of Board of Supervisors. George B. Van Valkenburgh clerk.

Greene County equalization, \$12,762,677.

Morrison Brooks, of Athens, found dead in bed, aged 71 years.

The Supervisors elected are—Ashland, Homer E. Tompkins, R; Athens, J. K. Van Woert, R; Cairo, Chas. Jones, D; Catskill, H. S. Van Orden, R; Coxsackie, W. T. Haswell, R; Durham, T. I. Smith, R; Greenville, Henry Botsford, R; Hunter, Renwick Dibble, D; Halcott, L. J. Deamer, D; Jewett, Geo. Chase, R; Lexington, Geo. Moore, D; New Baltimore, B. Van Slyke, R; Prattsville, E. Krieger, D; Windham, S. L. Ford, D.

William S. Berris burned to death.

Howard Boughton, one of Catskill's foremost citizens died as he was about to retire for the night. Born at Windham 1849, came to Catskill in 1865. Was in business with L. R. Doty. Very successful business man.

Waldo Schmidt found dead in the lots near Summit Hill House, Catskill. He had been hunting, and shot himself by accident.

Capt. Geo. R. Benter, formerly of Catskill, died in New York.

Julius Colwick, of Alsen, was buried in a bin of cement at that place and killed.

George Trumpbour, aged 69 years, died at Palenville.

Sally Davis, aged 92 years, died at Oak Hill.



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### CHRONOLOGY 1906.

William Ford, of Cairo, enlisted and went to Philippines.

Nelson S. Bloom died from stroke of paralysis at Oak Hill.

Oscar Greene dropped dead at Cocksackie.

Hart House at Catskill Point destroyed by fire.

Bolivar Newbury, one of the early manufacturers of power presses for printing, died at Cocksackie, at the age of 82 years.

A crazy man called on the Rev. I. H. Hoag, at Leeds, and announced that God had sent him to kill him. The pastor side stepped him, and the sheriff got the quarry.

Ned Mirles, of Catskill, killed by the cars at Alsen. .

Justice Howard presided at February term of the Supreme Court.

Greene County Bar Association met at the Palmer House, Catskill.

Justice Chase presided. Arthur M. Murphy read paper on Judge Osborn.

Dr. Henry L. Whitbeck, a former resident of Greenville, killed his wife, Emmaline Haight, of Freehold with a tack hammer and then blew the top of his own head off with a rifle.

John Paige died at the home of his daughter in Cocksackie at the aged of 87 years.

Abram Sickles, aged 65 years, tried to cross the river on the ice at Cocksackie and was drowned.

Truman Gillett, a former Catskillian and private secretary of Thurlow Weed, died at his home in Chicago, aged 87 years

David Davis, of Union Society, died at the age of 82 years.

John Slattery, a prominent resident of Athens died at that place following a stroke of paralysis.

George H. Vedder, of Leeds, a graduate of Harvard college publishes magazine at La Hacienda.

William Raney died at Cocksackie of pneumonia.

The Rev. John W. Gorse, aged 80 years, died at Catskill.

Rev. Rev. C. G. Hazard, the Rev. E. P. Miller, The Rev. Wm. Fitzgerald, the Rev. Robert Knapp, William Van Orden, F. S. Lynes, Orrin Day, James P. Philip, William Palmatier and P. Gardner Coffin committee to raise funds for San Francisco earthquake sufferers.

Arthur Coggsell, of Athens, killed by the cars.

Antonio Gentillio killed by the cars at Cocksackie.

Ransom Thorne, oldest resident of Freehold, died from heart trouble.

The Presbytery of Columbia met in Catskill. Large attendance.

Norman Francis, of Oak Hill, found dead in his room.

Walter Dederick, of Catskill, fell against buzz saw he was operating in lumb camp at Leeds and had his leg cut off. He recovered.

Charles Thatcher dropped dead on Mansion street at Cocksackie.

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Mrs. Margaret Ensign, formerly of Cocksackie, lost all her possessions in the San Francisco disaster.

Elder E. P. Pratt, of Oak Hill, representative to General Assembly at Des Moines.

Jacob Fromer, of Hunter, passed through serious operation at Albany hospital.

Amount sent from Catskill to San Francisco by committee, \$2829; other sources, St. Patrick's church, 150 and Reformed church, \$59.

Albert Hoffman, of Cocksackie, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

Joseph Ostrander, of Tannersville, committed suicide by taking arsenic.

Charles Young drove to Oak Hill, tied his horse and then went into the barn and cut his throat with a jack knife. He died.

The body of Joseph Pulaski, of Catskill, found in the river.

Willis S. Post died at Palenville at the age of 71 years.

Albert Chase, father of Justice Emory A Chase, died at Hensonville, aged 84 years.

William Garrison, aged 77 years, while hunting rats shot himself and died instantly.

Buildings of J. G. Newbury at Cocksackie destroyed by fire. Loss \$18,000.00.

Justice Fitts presided at June term of the Supreme Court.

Citizens Hose Company, of Catskill, paraded at Rensselaer.

Ninety-first annual meeting of Greene County Bible Society at Catskill.

Lucius E. Tuttle and Mrs. Tuttle were shot July 4th as the closing event of a celebration. The shot was fired by Italians on Water street, and they were never apprehended. Mr. Tuttle died instantly and Mrs. Tuttle finally recovered. The bullet passed through her body.

Company E spent 10 days in camp at Fleischmans.

The upper town bridge at Catskill blown up by dynamite.

Hiram Bogardus, former school commissioner of county, died at Cocksackie, of gangrene. He was 74 years of age.

Mrs. Edgar Poole found dead in her home on Broome street, at Cocksackie.

Clayton Bump, a Catskill veteran of the Spanish war committed suicide at Albany, using gas and chloroform.

Hendrick Hudson steamer, of the Day Line, made first trip on August 23rd.

Commodore William B. Nelson died suddenly at Catskill.

Great firemen's celebration at Hunter on Labor Day.

Teachers' Institute held at Catskill. W. N. Anderson and Leslie Tompkins, commissioners.

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David Layman killed at Washburn brick yard at Catskill by a falling derrick.

Jacob Fromer elected president Greene County Firemen's Assn. Barns of Omar Mackey at Oak Hill destroyed by fire.

Kingston District Conference held in Catskill Methodist church.

Greene County Sunday School Convention held at Palenville. Sixty-three schools in the county.

Alvin Brewer found dead in bed at his home in Catskill.

John Post, of Catskill, celebrated his 97th birthday.

Ice house of New Jersey Company, at Smith's Landing destroyed by fire.

George Burleigh, a Civil War veteran, died at Athens, at the age of 72 years.

Steamers Adirondack and Saratoga in collision below Catskill. Two dead, many hurt.

Kennedy Valve Works at Coxsackie, damaged to extent of \$9000 by fire.

Morris Guards encamped at Catskill.

John W. Rusk, of Haines Falls, invents steam wagon, also process of printing 50 photographs a minute.

Greene county gave Hughes for governor plurality of 500. W. C. Brady elected member of assembly; E. A. Gifford, district attorney; J. C. Tallmadge, county judge; Ira T. Tolley, sup't of county house, and Hardy Stewart, sheriff.

Henry S. Van Orden elected chairman and Geo. B. Van Valkenburgh clerk to Board of Supervisors. Board—Ashland, Homer Tompkins; Athens, J. K. Van Woert; Cairo, Charles P. Jones; Catskill, Henry S. Van Orden; Coxsackie, W. T. Haswell; Durham, T. I. Smith; Greenville, Henry Botsford; Hunter, Renwick Dibble; Halcott, L. J. Deamer; Jewett, Geo. H. Chase; Lexington, Geo. Moore; New Baltimore, Brand Van Slyke; Prattsville, Elmer Krieger, and Windham, Sidney L. Ford.

Thomas Brown, aged 78 years, a war veteran, an old time whaler, died at Freehold.

Work commenced on new concrete bridge at Catskill.

Maggie Van Cott held revival meetings at Pittsfield and Baltimore.

J. B. North, of Tannersville, a brakeman, was killed by a fall from his train.

Company E entertained Board of Supervisors.

Thomas Regan fell off a high bank at Alsen in the night and was killed.

Greene county Board of Supervisors vote unanimously for state roads.

## CHRONOLOGY 1907.

Edward Butler, of Coxsackie, was murdered on the road near Troy.

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J. T. Henderson died suddenly at the Smith House, Catskill.

Jane Walsh found dead in bed at Woodstock.

Catskill Trolley Company went into hands of a receiver.

Hiram Goff, of Catskill, committed suicide at his boarding place, taking carbolic acid.

William H. Denton and Laura Denton, old people, burned to death in a fire that destroyed their residence near Cairo.

James Van Tran, a civil war veteran, died at Prattsville, from gangrene in his foot. He lived four years after the disease set in and one by one he cut off his toes with a pocket knife.

The Rev. C. G. Hazard, of Catskill, attended the Hague Tribunal.

Frank Norton drowned in the creek at Catskill.

Monroe Truesdell, of Lexington, youngest soldier in federal army, being fourteen when he enlisted. He was a member of Warrens and Sheridans staff. Wounded at Winchester. In lumber business at East Jewett.

Eleanor C. Heermance endows Hermance Memorial Library at Coxsackie, leaving \$60,000 for that purpose.

William G. Plank, Grand Army veteran, of Cairo, passed away, aged 70 years.

Chauncey Dixon, of Catskill, rounded out 100 years. War veteran. Mrs. Dixon died at the age of 103.

Kate Dunlap, of Windham, tried to deal in liquors at that place and it cost her \$200 fine, and not having the money she went to jail.

Tenth annual convention of the American Zionists held at Tan-nersville.

Ribbel Hess drowned in the river at Catskill.

Robert Scott, of Catskill, a Grany Army veteran, died at Cairo at the age of 87 years.

Jacob Makeley, a Cairo farmer, committed suicide by taking laudinum.

Walter Mott, of Catskill, died of strangulated hernia at his home in that place, aged 76 years.

The new concrete bridge at Catskill opened with a celebration and fireworks in the evening.

Barn of Burton Van Derzee at Coxsackie destroyed by fire, the building being struck by lightning.

Cooper shop of Howard Carey and dwelling of Edward Dixon at West Coxsackie burned.

Store of Nicholas D. Onifrio at Athens destroyed by fire. success.

Major Leroy Palmer, a Catskill boy, returned to the Philippines.

The council tree of the Mohican Indians, located on the Casper Hallenbeck farm at Coxsackie, struck by lightning and destroyed. It was under this tree that the Indians met to sell land to Jan Bronk,

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Martee Genisee Van Bergen and Jan Jacobse Hallenbeck.

William Curtis, of Kiskatom, died from gas poisoning while at work in a well at his place.

Forty-ninth annual convention of the Greene County Sunday School Association held at Catskill.

Store of C. I. Collier, at Coxsackie, partially destroyed by fire.

The Rev. John B. Thompson, former pastor of the Catskill Reformed church died at Trenton, aged 77 years.

The Greene County Firemen's 19th annual convention was held at Coxsackie.

Hanah Pierce died at Kiskatom at the age of 95 years.

Ford H. Clegg, of Leeds, died as the result of injuries when he jumped out of a window at his home, during his sleep. \*

Annual meeting of the Greene County Bible Society held at the Reformed church in Catskill.

The first horseless wagon said to have been made by Peter Van Hoesen, of Leeds, who lost all his money trying to perfect the machine.

Morris Guards encamped at Catskill.

Thomas Whitlock, of Brooklyn, in his 92nd year visits Catskill. A friend of General Lafayette. Past master Odd Fellows over 53 years.

Order of Forresters organized at Catskill. Angelo Sission first chief.

Levi M. Francis, a veteran of the civil war, suicided at his home in Catskill, taking strychnine.

St. Patrick's church at Athens dedicated. Bishop Burke officiated.

Thomas Bell, of Catskill, died suddenly at the age of 81 years.

Edward Smith dropped dead at his home in Athens.

Mrs. Jennie Olm, of Catskill, gets verdict of \$9000 for death of her husband who was killed by the cars near Hudson.

Ten Democrats and four Republicans elected supervisors. The Board: Franklin Finch, Ashland; Elmore Mackey, Athens; Charles P. Jones, Cairo; Charles A. Post, Catskill; William B. Townsend, Coxsackie; W. S. Borthwick, Durham; N. Sanford, Greenville; Renwick Bibble, Hunter; L. Van Valkenburgh, Halcott; Geo. H. Chase, Jewett; V. R. Kirke, Lexington; Ezra H. Palmer, New Baltimore; Elmer Krieger, Prattsville; Dr. Sidney Ford, Windham. Judson A. Betts, County Treasurer. Pierre S. Jennings, District Attorney. Wm. C. Brady, Member of Assembly. Durham no license by six votes.

James B. Mitchell, war veteran and 13 months in Andersonville prison, fell down stairs and died a few hours later.

Justice Fitts presided over December term of Supreme Court.

Maggie Myers, aged 60 years, indicted for keeping house of ill repute. Sixty days in prison.

E. S. Hay dropped dead in the office of the Catskill Recorder.

County budget for the year \$82,206.

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Jeremiah Dean died at New Baltimore. He was 76 years of age. Was for three years on a whale vessel. In California during the gold excitement. He was an uncle of Supervisor J. H. Deane, of Catskill.

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Aaron Wynkoop, of Cairo, drowned in the creek at South Cairo, attempting to cross the stream while intoxicated.

The new school building on the West Side in Catskill completed by Contractor Geo. W. Holdridge, at a cost of about \$30,000

Rene Rowlinson, of Windham, burned to death at the Smith House in Catskill, his clothing catching fire in some unknown manner.

Charles A. Post, of Catskill, elected chairman of Board of Supervisors; George B. Van Valkenburgh, clerk.

The barn of Newton Spoor, at Coxsackie, valued at \$3,000, destroyed by fire.

Residence of Peter Fitchett, near Coxsackie, destroyed by fire.

Supervisor Franklin Finch, one of the leading citizens of Ashland, passed away at his home after his return from a meeting of the Board of Supervisors. He was 63 years of age.

Marry E. Garrison found dead in her home at Indian Ridge.

Mrs. Catherine Goodwin, aged 82 years, died at Palenville.

Philip Freese, died at Purling, at the age of 80 years.

Tannersville and Cairo want county seat located at these places.

Judge Clearwater presided at February term of Supreme Court.

Wilbur Brown died at Catskill, aged 58 years.

Tannersville offers to raise \$100,000 to have county buildings located there.

Trustee Charles A. Elliott offers site for court house in Catskill.

Frederick S. Lynes, a prominent Catskillian died at the age of 84 years. Forty years sup't of First Baptist Sunday school.

Greene county Board of Supervisors met at Catskill and decided to locate building there and to spend \$150,000 for new court house. The vote to locate in Catskill was 11 to 3. It was also decided to locate the buildings on Bridge and Main streets, and Messrs. Post, Krieger, Dibble and Chase, of the Board of Supervisors were appointed a committee to secure plans, etc.

Mass meeting of Citizens of Catskill held at court house in the matter of new buildings. New sites proposed.

Estimated that site of lands will cost \$47,000 on Bridge and Main streets.

Emory A. Chase re-elected president of Bar Association.

Burton Whitbeck shot and killed his wife, Maude B. Whitbeck in front of their home at West Coxsackie and then committed suicide in the barn of his uncle, John Curtin.

The remains of Fred Brandt were taken from the Catskill creek

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below the bridge. He had been missing for six weeks.

Emanuel J. Hill, former resident of Catskill, and steamboat man, died in Brooklyn at the age of 84 years.

Philip Spencer fell from the dock at the pumping station in Catskill and was drowned.

Celebration of Old Home Week in Catskill, October 4-7. Great parades, carnival, fireworks, athletic sports on race track, and ball game following day. Hon. Wm. P. Fiero made the principal address. Catskill was thronged with guests all the week.

Michael Doherty found dead in his home at Coxsackie.

Governor Hughes given a rousing welcome in Catskill.

The committee passed a resolution of thanks to Chairman J. P. Philip for his services and zeal which made Old Home Week a great success.

William H. Taft, president, carried Greene county by 478; Hughes, governor, 263; Brady, assembly, 290; Tompkins, commissioner, 488; Longendyke, corner, 488.

Justice Fitts presided at November term of Supreme Court.

The Malcolm Mill went out of business at Catskill.

District Attorney Pierre S. Jennings had 30 cases before grand jury. Jas. Cartan, of Catskill, held for attempt to poison his wife. Sentenced to 18 years imprisonment.

Henry Limbrick, Catskill's oldest resident, died, aged 93 years.

Elmer Overbaugh, of Palenville, went after pitch to make gum and did not return. His body was found in the creek.

Set of resolution presented to Bank President J. P. Philip by Old Home Week committee. Addresses made by Rev. Clark Wright, William E. Thorpe, Village President Charles A. Elliott and Senator Bloodgood.

Shops of the Catskill Mountain railroad at the Point destroyed by fire.

Charles A. Elliott attends session of Hudson Fulton committee in New York.

Michael O'Hara, of Tannersville, appointed county superintendent of highways.

\$150,000 appropriated for Fulton Celebration; \$5,000 for Catskill.

Bonded indebtedness of town of Catskill, \$73,500, of which \$42,000 was for concrete bridge.

Work commenced on steamer Robert Fulton.

Company E entertained Board of Supervisors.

Frank Packer, of Catskill, successfully treated for lock jaw, being first case on record.

Catskill Civil Organization expended \$1072 for the year. Omar V. Sage president.

Mrs. Mary Griffin burned to death by the explosion of a lamp at Ashland,

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Dominic Sabbatani drowned at Catskill Point New Years Day attempting to cross on the ice.

Charles Paddock found dead in bed at his home in Purling. He was 78 years of age.

Bank President J. P. Philip and wife, of Catskill, leave on a three-months' tour of Europe, January 31, 1909.

J. P. Philip and wife sailed for Egypt.

Sarah Timmerman died at Palenville at the age of 86 years.

John Costigan, aged 77 years, dropped dead at the residence of Joseph Malcolm.

John Husted died suddenly at Cairo, aged 77 years.

Barn of Silas Finch at Cairo destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Willis A. Haines elected Worthy Matron O. E. Stars.

Harry Boyne, of Catskill, received 15,000 volts of electricity from Woodstock high tension wire, rendered unconscious but recovered.

Charles R. Howard, a prominent resident of Tannersville died at that place. Eight hundred people attended his funeral.

Justice Howard presided at the February term of the Supreme Court. Eugene Kurau, foreman of grand jury.

Annual banquet of Bar Association held at Catskill.

Catskill Gun Club held banquet at Smith House, Catskill.

Catskill Masons held annual banquet at Y. M. C. A. hall.

Rip Van Winkle Club held annual banquet at Smith House.

Asbury Ringman, driver on the Oak Hill stage, was killed at Eagle Bridge in a runaway accident. Rig went off the bank into the creek. Mrs. Z. A. Pratt had hip broken. Three other people hurt.

A number of liquor dealers fined \$200 each for violation of the tax. law

Annual banquet of Brotherhood of Reformed church at Catskill.

Mass meeting held at Catskill on water question. Nothing settled.

William Hamm killed by fall at the ice house of Smith and Haines at Catskill.

Maggie Van Cott, aged 89 years, closed successful revival at Claverack, Columbia county.

George Doyle, a workman, was ground to death in a machine at the Catskill Cement works.

Corporation counsel Arthur M. Murphy died suddenly from blood poisoning. A very successful lawyer and prominent member of St. Patrick's church at Catskill.

Citizens Hose Company celebrated 40th anniversary.

Catskill Millennial Dawnists decide that the world will come to an end in 1914.

Justice Fitts presided at April term of Supreme Court



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Rip Van Winkle produced in the woods at Palenville. A great The grand jury had but three cases to consider.

George W. Holdridge appointed receiver of the Catskill Trolley Company.

Jacob Miller, of Hunter, committed suicide by taking Paris green. Lydia P. Millard, aged 80 years, died at her home in Catskill.

Mystic Five basketball team played 59 games, winning 33.

The Arch Deaconry of Albany met at St. Luke's church, Catskill.

Barns and residence of John Lind at Sandy Plains destroyed by fire.

Famous stone house, erected in 1751, on Cauterskill road, torn down.

Catskill Savings Bank's new home finished and opened for business. W. I. Jennings, president.

Jacob June, war veteran, aged 70 years, died at Lime Street.

Company E encamped at Fort Ticonderoga.

Eddie Shepard thrown from a horse in the races at Cairo and injured so badly that he died.

Sanford Overbaugh walked off the open end of the Catskill draw bridge, escaping with a broken arm. Town settled for \$250.

G. W. Holdridge awarded contract to pave Main street at Catskill for sum of \$10,769.

Citizens Hose Company attended State Firemen's Convention at Po'keepsie and got a very raw deal.

The Wiley mill at Catskill closed on account of hard times.

Maria Clute died at Coxsackie at the age of 86 years.

Wilbur Funk, conductor of the Catskill trolley, killed by a fall while boarding his car at Leeds.

Richard Phelan, a Grand Army veteran, died suddenly at Leeds.

Washington Kennedy, a former resident of Catskill, died at Kingston at the age of 84 years.

Joseph Porter hanged himself in a shed at Athens.

Democrats elect entire county ticket: J. Lewis Patrie, member of assembly; Abram Post, sheriff; George B. Van Valkenburgh, county clerk; Ira T. Tolley, superintendent. Democratic Supervisors: Elmore Mackey, Athens; Charles P. Jones, Cairo; J. Henry Deane, Catskill; Lorenzo Van Valkenburgh, Halcott; E. B. Goslee, Hunter; W. H. Woodworth, Jewett; Herbert Kipp, Lexington; H. J. Miller, New Baltimore; Elmer Krieger, Prattsville; S. L. Ford, Windham. Republican Supervisors: Frank Dodge, Ashland; Dayton B. Smith, Coxsackie; W. S. Borthwick, Durham, and Truman L. Ingalls, Greenville.

Seven barns burned in town of Jewett, incendiary. Detectives employed to get evidence. Four men arrested. No one convicted.

William McManus, of Drummond Falls house, Palenville, died at the age of 80 years.

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Charles A. Post, chairman Board of Supervisors, George B. Van Valkenburgh, clerk.

Frank Sanger killed at Alsen cement works.

West Shore station at Catskill destroyed by fire.

Catskill Board of Trade organized December 7th.

Catskill's league basketball team, with Matthews, Grobe, Deer, Hallenbeck and Boyne, defeated Newburgh, Paterson, Hudson, Yonkers, Po'keepsie and Troy, winning their first six games.

Mrs. Hannah Osborn, of Windham, fell down stairs while walking in her sleep. She was 88 years of age. The accident resulted in her death. She was the mother of Counselor Frank H. Osborn, of Catskill.

### CHRONOLOGY 1910.

Board of Supervisors appropriated \$35,000 for jail, court house and grounds.

Ann Overbaugh, aged 91 years, died at her home in Catskill.

Emanuel and Carl Nufia burned to death in tool house of West Shore railroad at New Baitmore.

Atlas Cement Company's buildings at Hudson destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000.

Catskill Trolley line sold to Wm. C. Wood for \$33,000.

Hotel of M. P. McCabe burned. Loss \$9,000.

Harry Holdridge, of Catskill, killed by hte cars at Alsen.

Dr. Sidney L. Ford elected chairman of Board of Supervisors, William B. Townsend, clerk.

J. Holmes King committed suicide at Palenville, taking chloroform.

William H. Bogardus commenced action against Catskill village for \$10,000.

Miss May Hoy voted most popular young lady in Catskill.

Charles Roorke, of Catskill, smothered in a bin at the Alsen cement works.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Philip presented the Catskill Reformed church with \$500.

William Shryver, son of William Schryver, of Tannersville, killed by the cars at Saugerties.

Hotel of Stephen Shufelt burned at Haines Falls.

Hotel of Charles Speenburgh burned at Catskill.

Harry Van Valkenburgh was killed by the cars at West Athens.

Nellie and Lewis Desco, of Catskill, completely recoved from malformation after operation made possible by County Clerk Geo. B. Van Valkenburgh. Both would have been cripples for life.

Daniel J. Barnaby, of Coxsackie, run down by automobile and killed in New York city.

Stanley Luciskis murdered at Cementon by parties unknown.

A million dollar improvement wiped out by fire at the Burden iron mines opposite Catskill.

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William Freese and Elias Lasher elected trustees of Catskill.  
Assemblyman J. Lewis Patrie gets teachers' pension bill passed.  
Dominic Leone, of Cairo, killed while attempting to get on train at Cairo.

Barn of Sylvanus Story at Gayhead struck by lightning and destroyed.

Hon. O. V. Sage elected president of Catskill Civic Society.  
Justice Le Boeuf presided at April term of Supreme court.  
Egbert Bogart, an old time resident of Palenville, died of cancer.  
Bank President J. P. Philip and wife visited the West Indies and the scene of the great disaster at Martinique.

Citizens Hose Co. produced the Passing Show. Receipts \$1200.

Contractor Geo. W. Holdridge laid pavement in Main street.

Moses Covel killed in runaway accident at Catskill.

Mrs. Giles Sutton dropped dead at her home in Leeds.

Chauncey Wolcott, of South Cairo, died following an operation.

Senator Addison P. Jones died at his home in Catskill, aged 87 year. He started business in Catskill in 1840.

Fred Lewis, of Saugerties, Nettie Naylor, Mabel Van Valkenburgh and L. B. Decker, of Catskill, all badly injured in automobile accident. All recovered.

John and Richard Doyle and Harry Abeel playing with matches in a barn at Saugerties set fire to the building and were burned to death.

Steamer Po'keepsie burned to the water's edge at Highland. Loss \$100,000.

The Misses Bedell present Baptist church at Catskill with \$1200.  
Stephen Edwards drowned in creek at Catskill while swimming.

Seaboard Cement Company organized with capital of \$7,000,000. Plant not finished and company failed.

Harold McKenzie pitching for Catskill shut out Albany Troy, Hudson Fultons and Hudson Professions, two games 1-0 and 0-0, thirteen innings, and let Stottville down with one run, six successive games.

Barn of Charles A. Vedder at Leeds destroyed by fire. Loss \$3000.

Joseph Steele fell overboard at Coxsackie with a bag of coal and was drowned.

Residence of Norman Van Hoesen of Leeds destroyed by fire. He fell down stairs with a lighted lamp which exploded.

Wiley Knitting Co. at Catskill, went into hands of a receiver.

Residence of Hiram Wilcox on Allen street, Catskill, destroyed by fire.

H. Leroy Austin, of Catskill, appointed game commissioner of state. He thereupon resigned the office of district attorney of Greene county. Orin Q. Flint appointed in his place.

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Liquor tax money from Greene county, \$24,847.

Morgan Brookfield killed by trollev car near Spooky Hollow.

William P. Fiero elected senator; Judson A. Betts, county treasurer; J. Lewis Patrie, member of assembly; Howard C. Wilbur, district attorney, and Sidney L. Ford, coroner.

Philip Van Orden found dead at his home in Catskill.

Storehouse of Catskill Evening Line gutted by fire.

Egbert Dodge, aged 88 years, died at Ashland. A pioneer of that town.

### CHRONOLOGY 1911.

Emerson Ford, equalization commissioner of Greene county, died suddenly at his home in Oak Hill.

Dr. J. B. Longendyke, coroner of Greene county, died in the hospital at Kingston.

Charles G. Coffin, prominent citizen of Catskill passes away.

The Rev. S. W. Roe died at Cairo, at the age of 84 years.

Chauncey Dixson, died at Catskill at the age of 103 years. He was born at Greenville and was a veteran of the G. A. R.

Barn of James Majilton at Catskill burned.

Eugene Campbell frozen to death near Coxsackie.

Catskill Poultry association organized.

Vitaliano Trepas tried for murder of Joseph Genoveso at Alsen. Verdict was not guilty.

Emory A. Chase re-elected president of Greene County Bar Assn.

The parsonage of the Christian church wrecked by dynamite bomb. House completely wrecked but every member of the pastor's family escaped injury.

Pierre S. Jennings, former district attorney, died at the age of 37 years, death being due to consumption.

Residence of Fenelon C. Kniffen at Catskill destroyed by fire.

Bank President J. P. Philip and wife made trip to the Sandwich Islands, visiting the great volcano.

William B. Mattice died suddenly at his home in Catskill.

Robert T. Martin, of Ashland, committed suicide. He placed the muzzle of a shot gun in his mouth and fired.

John Cornwall, a former Catskill shoe dealer, committed suicide by shooting himself.

Fred P. Derne died suddenly at Athens.

The Rev. Acton Civile, of Coeymans, knelt down to pray and committed suicide by shooting while in that position.

Hanah B. Osborn, mother of Attorney Frank H. Osborn, of Catskill, died at his residence in Catskill, at the age of 89 years.

William J. Reed drowned in the Catskill creek near the West Shore railroad bridge.

John Hagewater was drowned at Athens.

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George Kelk, a New York policeman, was struck by lightning at South Cairo and killed.

Walter S. McClelland, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, drowned at Athens while canoeing.

William M. Smith, of Catskill, passed away at the age of 54 years.

Robert Cole, a vaudeville actor, committed suicide in the creek at Catskill.

Lulu Hover, a Catskill girl, prevented the Kingston hospital from burning up, by closing the doors and getting to work with the hand grenades.

Joseph Henske, Nona Meany and May Jarvis, city boarders, drowned at Green Lake, the bodies being recovered three days later.

William Carter, of Catskill, committed suicide by drowning at Tupper Lake.

Kissel Kar put on the route between Leeds and Cairo.

Frederick W. Brink, a former Catskillian, drowned at New York. Greene County Firemen's Convention held at Catskill.

Benjamin Myers, of Catskill, was killed by the cars near the West Shore bridge.

Barns of John E. Overbaugh at Catskill destroyed by fire.

The Rev. William S. Winans died at Catskill, aged 87 years.

Gustav Schlenker, of Catskill, killed by a live wire near the Holdridge quarries.

Maria S. Doane, of Catskill, died at the age of 98 years.

Democrats carried Greene county for Patrie, assembly; Branch, coroner, and elected eight supervisors.

John Van Wie, of Athens, killed by a trolley car in New York.

Felix Moroffski fell down stairs at Coxsackie and broke his neck. Greene County Bar Association held banquet at the Saulpaugh.

New York and Hudson Steamboat Co. property burned in a \$200,000 fire at Hudson.

Mrs. Bert Howard died at Tannersville, following an accident in which her scalp was torn off. Seventy operations for engrafting skin failed to save her life.

Last \$10,000 of Greene county bonds paid off.

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Mrs. Chauncey Goodwin died at Palenville at the age of 84 years.

Hiram Case died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence E. Bloodgood, in Catskill, at the age of 92 years. He was the last of a family of fourteen children.

Edward Broussau, a former resident of Smith's Landing, died at the age of 92 years.

Residence of William L. DuBois in Catskill destroyed by fire.

Supervisors for 1912-13: H. Clay Ferris, Ashland; Elmore Mackey,

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Athens; Floyd F. Jones, Cairo; J. Henry Deane, Catskill; Dayton B. Smith, Cocksackie; Almeron Moore, Durham; Truman I. Ingalls, Greenville; Wallace K. Crosby, Halcott; Edgar B. Goslee, Hunter. Frederick M. Goslee, Jewett; John Kelly, Lexington; Henry J. Miller, New Baltimore; Elmer Kreiger, Prattsville; and Dr. Sidney L. Ford, Windham.

Edward J. Ashley, faith of Mrs. I. Wheeler Brandow, of Catskill, died at the age of 75 years. Former resident of Catskill and chief of the fire department.

Mrs. Ezra P. Pratt died suddenly at Oak Hill at the age of 79 years.

William H. Hayes, a civil war veteran, died at Cairo, 68 years.

Justice Samuel Edwards died at Hudson, aged 72 years.

Mary Whiting, a former resident of Athens, burned to death at Chicago.

Eugene Van Loan, a prominent resident of Athens, died at the age of 69 years.

Augustus Post died at his home in Catskill at the age of 81 years. Was formerly in the furniture business with Dr. J. A. Deane.

Joe Zebratis drowned in the river at Cocksackie.

B. F. Bogardus, a Cocksackie farmer, hanged himself.

Frank Fruger, of Leeds, committed suicide with a shotgun.

Michael Gavigan, of Catskill, suffocated to death in a hot house at Newburgh.

Mrs. Sarah Abrams, of Cocksackie, aged 85 years, burned to death.

Justice Rudd presided at April term of Supreme Court.

Henry T. Hotaling died at Cocksackie at the age of 94 years.

Dana Simpson, a Cocksackie farmer, committed suicide by hanging.

William K. Thompson, a war veteran, died at his home in Catskill at the age of 83 years.

Howard Sanderson, formerly of Athens, died at Milwaukee, at the age of 76 years.

Boarding house of Joseph Carnack, Cocksackie, destroyed by fire. Loss \$6,000.

Mrs. William Jordan, of Prattsville, dropped dead.

John Rogers, a Catskill farmer, dropped dead.

Charles R. Polo drowned at Green lake.

Farm house and barn of Dirk Schmidt at Palenville destroyed by fire.

Body of Miss Dorcas Snodgrass found in DuBois creek at Catskill. Murder suspected and an investigation was made by District Attorney Howard C. Wilbur.

Residence of Edward Win at Tannersville burned.

Shady Glen House at Durham destroyed by fire. 85 guests narrowly escaped with their lives.

William G. Alcott, employed on the steamer Ursula, fell overboard at Hudson and was drowned.

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Charles Faubel drowned while in swimming in Austin's Glen at Catskill.

The Rev. Frazer Metzger, a former Catskill minister got big vote for governor of Vermont, making it necessary for the legislature to appoint a governor.

John E. Newkirk dropped dead in Leeds.

John Henderson, aged 75, died at Catskill.

Arthur Reed committed suicide at Haines Falls.

Dr. Geo. C. Gulick, former Catskillian, died in New York of cancer.

Dr. DeSilva, of New York city, located in Catskill.

Jeremiah M. Day dropped dead at Green's Lake.

Remains of Robert DuBois found in Catskill creek.

Remains of Ruth Hellmud found in river at Coxsackie, by Lewis Vogel, of Catskill.

Lyman M. Donald, a prisoner in the jail at Schoharie, eloped with the daughter of Sheriff Dutton, and was married to him by Rev. Kerr.

Harriet T. Penfield, prominent Catskillian, died after brief illness at her home in Catskill.

Barn on the Nelson place at New Baltimore destroyed by fire.

Ezra P. Pratt, of Oak Hill, dropped dead at Watertown, N. Y., where he had gone to attend a convention. He was 80 years of age. For 50 years he was an elder of the Durham Presbyterian church.

Senator William P. Fiero passed away at his home in New York.

Democrats elect Josiah C. Tallmadge, judge; J. Lewis Patrie, assemblyman; Elmore Mackey, sheriff; Geo. B. Van Valkenburgh, county clerk; Ira T. Tolley, county sup't; Dr. Van Hoesen, coroner. Judge Tallmadge withwith oppositoin. Majorities 1,000 to 1,600.

Catskill Cement Company's plant damaged to the extent of \$20,000 by fire.

Justice Cochrane presided over November term of Supreme court.

Wilson for president carried Greene county by 932 votes. Mackey for sheriff, 2960.

Attorney F. H. Osborn won remarkable case in Supreme Court in which it was shown like an Argosy story that defendant had set fire to his boat for the purpose of getting insurance money. He was against Howard Chipp, of Albany, and what looked like a hopeless case. He let the prosecution prove too much for their own welfare.

Charles McMenemy, of Catskill, died of cancer.

Charlotte Westland, of Tannersville, committed suicide by jump-  
ing from the Manhattan bridge in New York.

Thomas J. O'Hara and Charles E. Nichols appointed elections commissioners for Greene county.

Michael Taylor, a boiler maker burned so badly at Alsen that he died.

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### CHRONOLOGY 1913.

Stores of Lysle Nelson and Stephen Hitchcock at New Baltimore destroyed by fire.

Adelbert E. Dunham, of Spruceton, cutting off the butt of a tree that had blown down was crushed to death underneath the stump when the main part had been cut off and the stump snapped back into the hole in the ground.

Gilbert Greene, of Hunter, suffering from cancer, hid in a cave and then took carbolic acid, causing his death.

Charles Smith, of Rouse & Smith, passed away after short illness at his home in Catskill.

Charles A. Beach, president C. M. R. R., died suddenly of apoplexy.

Stephen Vining, an eccentric Windham teamster, found dead by the highway.

William H. Henderson, former trustee of Catskill, died of blood poisoning following an injury to his little finger.

George H. Bump found dead in bed at his home in Catskill.

Cassius Simpson, of South Cairo, killed by a fall from his wagon at Leeds.

Ice house and coal sheds of Raymond Smith at Catskill destroyed by fire. Loss \$15,000.

Judge Chester presided at February term of Supreme Court.

Barn and stables of William Perry at West Coxsackie destroyed by fire.

J. A. Betts and W. W. Rider made trip to Panama.

The two sons of Andrew Rosenburgh of Coxsackie, were drowned while out fishing on Sunday with their father.

Athens Knitting Company goes bankrupt.

Truman I. Smith committed suicide at his home in Catskill.

John T. Heath passes away at his home in Catskill, aged 70 years.

Zobles T. Cater, of Catskill, plunged into the Catskill creek and saved the life of little Jimmie Smith.

John H. Cornell died at Catskill, aged 74 years.

Gilbert Goes, aged 85 years, committed suicide at Hunter, taking laudanum.

Assemblyman Patrie introduces bill to pave West Main street, Catskill, which passed and was signed by the governor. Paving laid by the Catskill Construction Company.

Nathan Richards, of South Cairo, killed by the cars at Athens.

Alexander Wilbur, prominent Catskillian, died suddenly at the age of 69 years.

\$10,000 fire on dock at Coxsackie.

Frederick T. Beach died suddenly at his home in Catskill.



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Ashes of George Howland, of Athens, scattered at sea. He died at Geonoa.. Worth \$1,000,000.

Patsey Wiweke killed in accident at the Cementon crossing.

Hudson Valley Firemen's Convention held at Catskill. There were in the parade 60 fire companies and brass bands.

Famous old Simmons house in Jefferson destroyed by fire.

Residence of Oscar Showers at Onteora Park destroyed by fire.

Boarding house of F. W. Cole near Coxsackie destroyed by fire.

Big fire on Main street, Catskill, destroying Horton Brothers' sale stables, Person's shop, barns of Brandow, Horton, Yanonni, Hay and Linzey, Fontnella's house, Tynan's shop, M. E. church sheds, on July 10th. On the Sunday morning following the Boston store was destroyed and the building of Amost Post in which was the Smith store and Daily Mail office, and the Church store were gutted by fire. On Monday the barn of George Bates on Water street was burned. Loss \$200,000.

Joseph Butler, of Athens, committed suicide by drowning. Remains recovered at Catskill.

Residence of Perry Tompkins at Leeds destroyed by fire.

Louis Baucusco murdered at Athens. Sheriff Mackey arrested the murderer, Joe Vots.

John Seers, a Catskill darkey, killed by the cars at the Athens crossing.

Cornelius DuBois, war veteran, died at Palenville.

Residence of Elmer Dederick at Athens destroyed by fire.

West Shore freight house at Coxsackie, destroyed by fire. Loss \$30,000.

Herbert Lanfare drowned in the river at Athens.

Greene County Sunday School convention held at Athens.

E. S. Mulford found dead in bed at his home in Catskill.

Gov William Sulzer impeached by vote of 51 to 1.

Bank President James P. Philip presents Catskill with park at the head of Main street, which has been killed up by the village and called Pruyn Park.

Casper Clough, aged 94 years, died at Coxsackie.

Judson A. Betts elected county treasurer; Howard C. Wilbur, district attorney; George H. Chase, member of assembly.

Supervisors elected—Jones, Cairo; Huyek, Durham; Smith, Coxsackie; Ferris, Ashland, Republicans; Nichols, Athens; Deane, Catskill; Hoose, Greenville; Seifferth, Hunter; Baldwin, New Baltimore; Krieger, Prattsville, Roraback, Lexington; Goslee, Jewett, Ford, Windham, Democrats.

Justice Cochrane presided at November term of Supreme Court.

John Rhume, a Coxsackie lad, out hunting skunks, killed when **his companion accidentally dropped his gun which went off.**

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Lumber yard of J. H. Goodwin at Coxsackie destroyed by fire.  
Loss \$10,000.

Jennings Hotel at Cairo destroyed by fire. Loss \$15,000.

Nelson murder trial at Catskill resulted in verdict of guilty.

Joseph Bosco tried for murder. Wm. E. Thorpe for defendant.

### CHRONOLOGY 1914.

Henry Dixon killed at Coxsackie by collapse of shed.

Residence of Mary Phelan, Phelan Hall and residence of Paul Lynan, at Leeds, burned.

St. Anthony's School, Catskill, burned January 14th.

Hamilton Smith, of Athens, died from exposure.

Twin Pine House, Cairo, burned. Loss \$10,000.

James Ott, of Tannersville, blew his head off with gun.

Charles J. Smith crushed to death on Storm King.

H. Leroy Austin, of Catskill, gets verdict of \$1,700,000 for New York City Railroad.

Albert Van Hoesen, of Catskill, committed suicide.

Several men killed in accident at logging camp at Haines Falls.

Frank Freeman, of Coxsackie, drowned while in swimming.

Former Sheriff Hardy Stewart died at Athens.

Abram Lewis, of Catskill, killed by kick of his horse.

Paul Deyo committed suicide at Hunter.

Cyrus E. Bloodgood, former county clerk, died at Catskill Aug. 10.

Floyd Overbaugh and Harry Rose killed in motorcycle accident at Alsen.

Worthy Tolley, of Athens, shot and killed Leroy Hallenbeck. Tried and found guilty of murder in the first degree. Sentenced to be electrocuted. Sentence appealed.

James Reardon killed in automobile accident at Windham.

Mrs. Charles Crohl killed in automobile accident near Catskill.

Tony Canape, a Catskill child, burned to death while playing with matches.

George Mason dropped dead in Catskill.

George Hawver, of Lawrenceville, cut by buzz saw so badly that he died a few days later.

Smith House badly damaged by fire.

### CHRONOLOGY 1915 TO JULY FIRST.

Great revival in Catskill.

Howard Wilcox died suddenly of heart disease.

Peter Welsh died suddenly at his home in Catskill.

John D. Smith, former postmaster and founder of Daily Mail, died suddenly at his home in Catskill.

Omar Hotaling, of New Baltimore, murdered at Highland.

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Catskill Mountain Ry. depot at Haines Falls destroyed by fire.  
Residence of T. J. Nolte at Cairo destroyed by fire. Loss \$7000.

John Black sentenced to Dannemora prison for the murder of Pardy Shoemaker at Lexington.

Receivers appointed for Catskill Mt. Ry.

Ruth Hammer and Ida Beach, of Catskill, murdered by Henry Long, of Albany, a gardner in the employ of Henry Hansen. He shot the girls while they were out gathering wild flowers and then committed suicide.

Residence of Nicholas Worrell, valued at \$50,000, burned at Onteora Park.

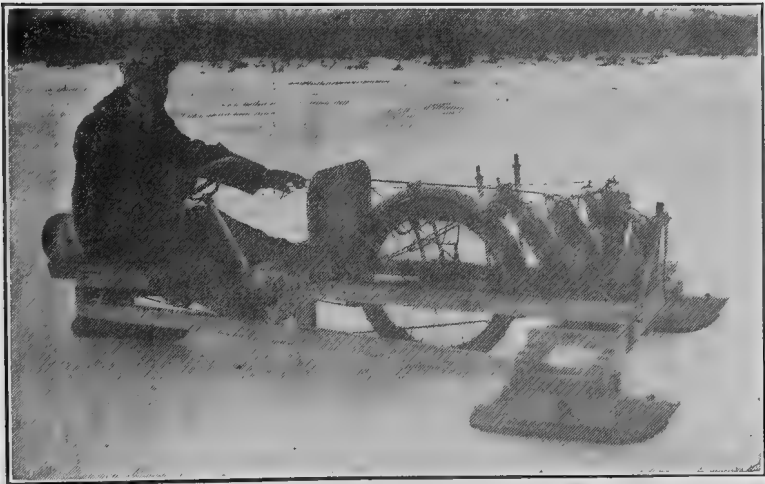
Peter Saxe, a war veteran, hung himself in a barn near Cairo.

Oscar Ford, of Tannersville, committed suicide by shooting.

Eagles Nest, summer residence of Frederick Buckinburger near Catskill, destroyed by fire.

Nicholas Lauria, proprietor of Salisbury House, Catskill, died suddenly.

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Michael Cimorelli's Motorcycle Ice Boat.

The illustration above shows the novel and ingenious ice craft constructed by Michael Cimorelli, the Catskill sporting goods dealer in his repairs department. Craft made over 60 miles per hour.

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### FRATERNAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

Catskill Camp, Modern Woodmen of America.

Catskill Chamber of Commerce; Hon. Frank S. Decker, president.

Catskill Y. M. C. A.

Catskill Fish and Game Club.

Catskill Gun Club; Wm. Schubert, president.

Catskill Hive, Lady Maccabees; Commander Mrs. Luella Brandow.

Greene County Agricultural Society, of Cairo, organized 1819.  
Still prosperous.

Greene County Bible Society; organized 1815 by Rev. David Porter of Catskill. Rev. C. G. Hazard, of Catskill, President.

Greene County Sunday School Association; Rev. Maurice R. Hamm, Catskill, president. Organized 1883.

Deutcher Untersteutungs Verein, Catskill.

Greene County Medical Society organized early in 1806, and has been several times reorganized. It is still actively engaged in medical research and prosperous. Dr. Thomas O'Hara Croswell was the first president of the organization. The present officers are: Dr. Charles P. McCabe, of Greenville, president; Dr. Geo. L. Branch, of Catskill, vice-president; Dr. C. E. Willard, of Catskill, treasurer, and Dr. Robert Selden, of Catskill, secretary.

Hendrick Hudson Lodge, I. O. O. F., was organized in 1846, at Catskill, and is still a very prosperous organization.

Holy Name Society, St. Patrick's church, Catskill.

Improved Order of Red Men, Athabasca Tribe, 2551, Catskill.

L. C. B. A. of Catskill; President Mrs. P. Dewitt Hitchcock.

Protected Home Circle, 311; President, Seth T. Cole, of Catskill.

Knights of Columbus, Catskill.

Laurel Lodge, A. O. U. W., Catskill.

Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, St. Patrick's church.

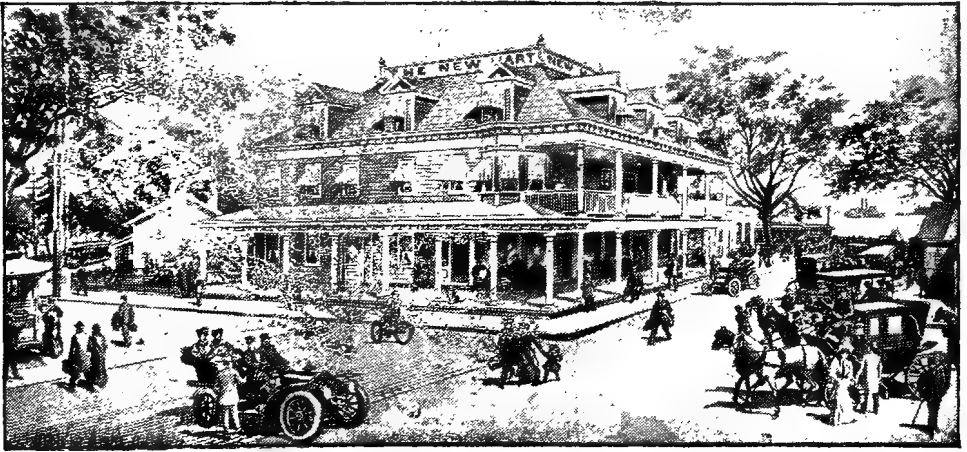
Malaeska Lodge, K. of P., was organized in 1873 and is still prosperous.

Onteora Council Royal Arcanum; Regent Robert Stewart, Catskill.  
Prattsville Agricultural Society; organized 1882,



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## **SUPREME COURT TERMS.**

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### **GREENE COUNTY TRIAL TERMS, 1915.**

Third Monday in February ..... Chester  
Second Monday in April ..... Hasbrouck  
Second Monday in November ..... Cochrane

### **SPECIAL TERMS.**

First Saturday every month except July and Aug., Kingston Hasbrouck  
Second Saturday every month except July and Aug., Albany .. Chester  
Third Saturday every month except July and Aug., Hudson . Cochrane  
Fourth Saturday every month except July and Aug., Albany .... Rudd  
Fourth Saturday of July, at Albany ..... Hasbrouck  
Fifth Saturday of January ,at Albany ..... Rudd  
Fifth Saturday of May, at Albany ..... Cochrane  
Fifth Saturday of July, at Albany ..... Hasbrouck  
Fifth Saturday of October, at Albany ..... Chester

Special terms are open for ex parte business at Judge's Chambers in Albany, Kingston and Hudson whenever a Justice is present.

Special Terms will be held in connection with Trial Terms, subject to limitations of Rule 38, but said limitations do not apply to Trial Terms held in Rensselaer County.

Equity causes may be noted for trial in the county of their venue at any Special Term held by a Justice resident in such county.

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### **APPELLATE DIVISION.**

First Tuesday of January, in its Court Rooms on the corner of State and Chapel streets, in the City of Albany.

First Tuesday of March, in the said rooms in the City of Albany.

First Tuesday of May, in its said rooms in the City of Albany.

Second Tuesday of September, in Town Hall at Saratoga Springs.

Second Tuesday of November, in its said rooms in City of Albany.

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### **COUNTY COURT TERMS.**

Second Monday of May and December, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Court House in the Village of Catskill, N. Y.

Second Tuesday of each month, except May, August and December, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Chambers of the County Judge, in the Court House in the Village of Catskill aforesaid.

A Trial Jury will be summoned to attend the terms appointed to be held on the second Monday of May and the second Monday of December No Grand Jury will be drawn to attend any of the above appointed terms.



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